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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOTHER CHURCH

THE Annual Meeting of The Mother Church was held on June 7. Members from all over the world attended, filling the main auditorium of The Mother Church and that of the original edifice. The audience was deeply appreciative of the addresses and reports which were read, and profound loyalty to our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, was expressed. Sincere gratitude was evinced for the faithful work of The Christian Science Board of Directors, who, in the address which was read by their chairman for 1936–1937, while expressing thanks for the loyal support of the Field during the year, referred to the need for greater consecration to revealed spiritual truth on the part of Christian Scientists everywhere, that the reign of righteousness might be established in the hearts of men.

The meeting was opened with the singing of Hymn No. 254, "O'er waiting harpstrings of the mind," written by our Leader. The retiring President, Mrs. Elizabeth Cadwell Tomlinson, then read the following passages from the Bible, with correlative passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

THE BIBLE	SCIENCE AND HEALTH
Psalms 67:1, 2, 4–6	Page 93:2
Isaiah 33:13, 22	167:17
	14:9–11
	233:1
	28:6
	89:20–21
	249:6–10

After a period of silent prayer, followed by the audible repetition of the Lord's Prayer, the congregation sang Hymn No. 264, "Onward, Christian soldiers."

The President then announced the names of the new officers of The Mother Church, namely: President, Judge Clifford P. Smith, of Waban, Massachusetts; Treasurer, Edward L. Ripley, of Brookline, Massachusetts; Clerk, Ezra W. Palmer, of Marshfield, Massachusetts.

The retiring President, Mrs. Elizabeth Cadwell Tomlinson, addressed the meeting as follows:

This Annual Meeting is an evidence of the power of Spirit. All the

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power that can be "hath already been" and now is—omnipotent Spirit.

"The central fact of the Bible is the superiority of spiritual over physical power," says our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 131). It is the understanding, acknowledgment, and application of this power of Spirit which liberates humanity, entangled by enslavement to matter, and brings our thinking into modes of spiritual consciousness.

Our intrepid Leader, Mrs. Eddy, has revealed the actual workings of this law of the supremacy of Spirit. The understanding of this law and its demonstration is the working of Christian Science which serves to unfold eternal harmony. Spirit, being all power, manifests order, exactness, precision—all sustained by Spirit's own nature and being.

In the expression of spiritual power, man finds his own true selfhood. Thus God's will is being enacted, and then co-operation is manifest, for "unity," Mrs. Eddy says, "is spiritual cooperation" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 162). Every gleam of the law of Spirit inspires and blesses the whole human family and gives us scientific proof that God, Spirit, is with us here and now.

Christianity is not merely words. It is operative spiritual power active in our midst. This power is revealed in every healing which takes place in Christian Science. The allness of God understood is the solution of all earthly stress. This allness consists of God and His creation. His realm is constituted of His own character, nature, quality, and substance. He maintains it by His own spiritual mode and order. He governs it by His own idea of government, by Principle expressed. Real government is divine Being in full reflection—it now exists.

God is all power, is omnipotent—not as a dictator, sovereign, monarch, or commander, but as divine Principle and its own unfolding. "Mind spake and it was done" (Science and Health, p. 557). Such is pure democracy, omnipresent government by divine Principle. The Court of Spirit is the Court of God's ideas uttering divine law, ordaining liberty, decreeing life to all.

Can it be doubted that the accurate interpretation of divine law is the only security of the people, the safeguard of democracy?

Human opinions, doctrines, preferments, speculations are ephemeral beliefs. They will eventually be overturned and replaced by the ultimate arbiter, divine spiritual law. Obedience to this law confers power, strength, and measures the cohesion and stability of a nation. This power of Spirit operating in consciousness was the inspiration of patriarch and prophet. Under this power Moses freed the bondmen in Egypt and led them to the promised land. Filled with its inspiration, David chanted his glorious Psalms. Isaiah, vibrant with the power of Spirit, foretold the coming of the Prince of Peace. Daniel and the Hebrew children, knowing Spirit as the only power, overwhelmed the might of despotic rulers. With the same power the man of Nazareth healed the sick, raised the dead, calmed the storm, fed the multitude. The apostles and the early church, inspired by this power of Spirit, overcame the hate and malice of the Pharisees; emulated the works of the Master. In this era Spirit is manifesting itself as power, and our churches grow and multiply in evidence of God's power.

This was the power by which

Mary Baker Eddy gave birth to Christian Science—this, the power that ushers in universal peace and enthrones on earth the brotherhood of man. We here are of this brotherhood, rejoicing as fellow workers in the power of Spirit.

The retiring President then introduced the incoming President, Judge Clifford P. Smith, who delivered the following address:

The Christian Science denomination had its inception and has attained its present size in comparatively recent years. Although Mrs. Eddy discovered Christian Science in 1866, this religion had no regular Sunday services until 1875, and the original Church of Christ, Scientist, was the only church or society of this denomination until 1886. Our Leader first announced that Christian Scientists from everywhere could become members of her Church in Boston, in 1889 (*Journal,* Vol. VII, p. 13).

So, it can be said that in half a century the Christian Science movement, as an organized denomination, has grown from The Mother Church with four or five branches, to The Mother Church with 2781 branches. Such a fact, with all its implications, furnishes an occasion for gratitude and rejoicing. It also prompts us to give unstinted credit to all who have helped to advance the Cause of Christian Science thus far. Yet, we Christian Scientists still constitute one of the smaller religious bodies; hence, we cannot pause at this point, but should feel impelled to press forward and ever onward with accelerated purpose, unity, and zeal.

In one of her most important addresses (the one delivered at Chicago in 1888), our Leader stated the essence of organization when she used the words "strength in union" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 98). To ensure its strength and success, an organized movement requires (1) a good purpose clearly stated, (2) an intelligent plan for achieving this purpose, (3) active co-operation in accordance with the plan by the persons who compose the movement.

The Christian Science movement has the first of these essentials in our Leader's writings on the nature and purpose of our Church. The second of these essentials, a practical plan conceived in wisdom, we have in our Church Manual. The third essential can be restated for our movement as active and united efforts to communicate, demonstrate, and propagate the Science of Mind-healing. For this essential, the responsibility rests on all Christian Scientists, collectively and individually. The obligation to prove by its effects that our religion deserves its name is not limited to listed practitioners; this obligation extends to all who are enrolled as Christian Scientists.

In past years, Christian Science has been advertised by its opponents, and opposition has given us an added incentive, an impulse for progress. Now, active opposition is diminishing, and is being superseded by merely negative conditions of thought. Today, among non-Scientists as a whole, there is much less antagonism than absence of feeling or lack of interest. In this situation, we have need to warn ourselves that public indifference to Christian Science lacks impulsive value for us; it is more apt to make us feel weary in doing well. Correctly discerned, then, indifference is a distinct and prominent error to be challenged and dispelled according to its nature. It is nothing new, but is comparatively rife.

The Master said, "My meat is to

do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" (John 4:34). His one desire was to do good in the revealed way. With him, all other desires were subordinate to this simple yearning.

In this respect, as in all else, Christ Jesus furnishes the perfect example. Like him, therefore, we should be devoted to the doing of good, keenly interested in our opportunities for this purpose, ardent missionaries in the best sense of this term, and creditable witnesses to the efficacy of the religion we profess.

In effect, our Exemplar and our Leader have declared that the best of incentives or motives is love for God and neighbor. This is the incentive on which we must depend to dispel apathy in self and indifference in our neighbors, for unselfed love begets enthusiasm in the doing of good. Apathy and indifference do not mingle with enthusiasm, but yield to it, particularly when enthusiasm is based on the intelligent conviction that Christian Science is the direct means of giving the best service to divine Principle and of getting the best results for mankind. Our Leader has exhorted us in these words (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 259): "Do not forget that an honest, wise zeal, a lowly, triumphant trust, a true heart, and a helping hand constitute man, and nothing less is man or woman."

A Word from the Directors, Read by Mrs. Nelvia E. Ritchie, Chairman, June 8, 1936, to June 7, 1937

At this, the Annual Meeting of The Mother Church, your Board of Directors wishes to express gratitude for the loyal support of the Field during the past year. Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in the Manual of this Church, has invested your Board with certain important duties and responsibilities to be assumed courageously, and far-reaching authority to be exercised with—in the words of our Leader—"wisdom, economy, and brotherly love" (Manual, Art. XXIV, Sect. 5). How adequately we have fulfilled our Leader's assignment is not for us to say. We can assure you, however, that we have endeavored to reach every decision by demonstration, and as a result, unity and harmony have marked our deliberations.

Over the table in the Directors' Room flows a constant stream of momentous affairs calling for final determination by your Board. They come from churches and individuals in all parts of the world, seeking guidance, advice, support, and confirmation. What is true of our connections with the Field applies also to the close relations between your Board and all the activities here at headquarters. To direct the course of this great movement in strict accord with the teachings of our Leader and the stipulations of our Manual, imposes in the aggregate a sacred responsibility, the magnitude of which, we believe, is being appreciated more and more by the members of this Church. In fulfilling these sacred duties, the Board has humbly endeavored to be ever mindful of, and obedient to, the teachings and commandments of our Master and Wayshower, Christ Jesus.

In the Gospels we read that Jesus gave to his disciples the imperative commands which, if obeyed, would enable them and all mankind to demonstrate his teachings. Is it not strange, then, that so many generations which followed were uninspired and unstirred by his sublime

commands? However, in our day, the living, redeeming truth Jesus taught and practiced has been made known in demonstration and power to a waiting world by the beloved Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, and her teachings reveal clearly how to obey the commandments of Jesus —how to understand and to fulfill his promises here and now. She emphasizes also that those who follow her teachings must engage in a warfare—a glorious one—against evil in every form. She says, "The Christian Scientist has enlisted to lessen evil, disease, and death" (Science and Health, p. 450). And in her Message for 1901 (p. 35) she states, "Christian Science . . . is a clarion call to the reign of righteousness, to the kingdom of heaven within us and on earth, and Love is the way alway."

As we all, as Christian Scientists, answer this call and go forth to battle for the reign of righteousness, let us keep close in our hearts the words of Paul wherein he vividly describes the spiritual equipment necessary in this glorious warfare. Christian Science not only teaches how to use the spiritual armor, but gives assurance that freedom from evil, disease, and death is available today, and within the grasp of all who earnestly seek to know the truth. In "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 116), Mrs. Eddy delineates the obedience and the selfless work that are necessary on the part of soldiers of God: "Obeying the divine Principle which you profess to understand and love, demonstrates Truth. Never absent from your post, never off guard, never ill-humored, never unready to work for God,—is obedience; being 'faithful over a few things.' If in one instance obedience be lacking, you lose the scientific rule and its reward: namely, to be made 'ruler over many things.'"

The inspiring reports and testimonies of healing that have come to this Board during the past year give abundant proof of work well done, of progress throughout the movement—give evidence of obedience to Principle, and bear witness that the truth Jesus demonstrated is again understood and made manifest on earth today. While these splendid evidences of progress give cause for rejoicing, and we humbly bow our heads in gratitude to God for these proofs of His power and presence, yet as students of Christian Science we all realize that greater works are before us. In striving for more immediate proofs of healing, in endeavoring to overcome self and rise to higher spiritual altitudes, let us remember that *persistence in truth* is requisite if we are to fulfill the commands of our Way-shower.

As Christian Scientists let us be alert, diligent, and obedient, for through persistent effort we shall see the glory of God made manifest in individual experience and in the government of men and nations. It is our sacred duty and privilege to uphold righteous government and to know that in reality divine Mind, with its attributes of intelligence, wisdom, justice, and mercy, always guides and controls the avenues and channels through which government is expressed. As we look upon the apparent unrest and fermentation in the affairs of the world today, it is heartening and comforting to know that by obedience to the teachings of our Master we can be conscious of the government of divine Principle, and actually see this government made manifest in human affairs and universal peace established.

The practice of Christian Science as taught by our beloved Leader proves that instant, perfect, and permanent cure of individual and world needs is evidenced through conscious realization of divine Love's presence and power. Then, as demonstrators of this truth, let us be more alert to measure the true concept of being in the terms of divine Principle, and to prove the Love that is impartial and the salvation that is universal. As humble followers of the meek and mighty Nazarene—as consecrated and obedient students of the teachings of Christian Science—as soldiers in the great army of God, we may well ask ourselves: Are we obeying the clarion call; are we true to our enlistment; are we measuring up to our opportunities—our responsibilities; are we fulfilling our duty in the holiest of all causes, namely, to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, the reign of righteousness in the hearts of men? What a glorious example of singleness of purpose, of consecrated devotion, our Leader has left for us! And in our textbook she states (Science and Health, p. 174): "Truth is revealed. It needs only to be practised."

Report of the Treasurer, Edward L. Ripley, for Year Ended April 30, 1937

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts
The Christian Science Benevolent Association
The Christian Science Pleasant View Home
Christian Science Benevolent Association on Pacific Coast
Shawmut Realty Trust

Cash and securities on hand April 30, 1936: General Funds, $247,303.41; Trust Funds, $1,171,207.93; total, $1,418,511.34; income receipts, and contributions for special purposes, $3,254,170.54; expenditures for relief and current expenses, $2,684,826.48; cash and securities on hand April 30, 1937: General Funds, $504,421.26; Trust Funds, $1,483,434.14; total, $1,987,855.40.

Securities on hand April 30, 1937, are included at value of $1,493,830.10 as recorded when received, which sum is in excess of their market value at that date.

Except for current bills, and taxes for 1937 accrued from January 1 and payable by November 1, totaling $47,970.01 and $82,766.32, respectively, The Mother Church, the three charitable institutions, and the Shawmut Realty Trust, have no indebtedness.

Auditor's Report

Boston, Mass., May 28, 1937

I have audited the books of The Christian Science Board of Directors and the books of the Church Treasurer, also the accounts of the three Charitable Institutions for the year ended April 30, 1937; and have examined the certified financial statements submitted by the auditors for the Shawmut Realty Trust and Christian Science Benevolent Association on Pacific Coast Sanatorium Account for the same period.

Based upon such audits and examinations, I certify that the combined receipts and expenditures for the year ended April 30, 1937, the funds on hand, and indebtedness on that date, as reported by the Treasurer, are correct.

(Signed) James W. Hall
Certified Public Accountant

During the fiscal year The Mother Church expended a total of $584,243.54 for charitable purposes as

indicated in the following items: Maintaining the three charitable institutions, in addition to $226,793.42 contributed by the Field, $188,777.77; for the benefit of those entering Christian Science Houses in England and Wales, and contributed therefor, $13,274.90; from Relief Fund for flood and other emergency relief in America and overseas, $144,961.17; local charity, and special unemployment relief, $10,436.28.

The increased individual activity expressed by members of The Mother Church during the year is acknowledged with gratitude.

In disbursing the funds so generously contributed for flood relief, excellent service was rendered by the Committees on Publication and the various relief workers. That the relief extended was greatly appreciated is evidenced by the following messages among the many received:

One expressed gratitude for the "loving service rendered to both Scientists and non-Scientists."

Another wrote, "I shall always be mindful of the joyful manner in which this assistance was given when no other help was obtainable."

A third said, "The manifestation of joy and brotherly love by the workers . . . is most inspiring and is noticed and spoken of in praise by persons knowing little or nothing of Christian Science."

A branch church wrote, "The Relief Headquarters . . . has been the means of giving needed financial assistance and rehabilitating the homes of many of our residents."

A friend states that "those Christian Scientists in this field, who have been so wonderfully aided, have also gained an increased understanding of divine Love."

A minister who had spoken against our movement, upon receiving a check from our relief worker, said that he had never known that God would supply his need through the Christian Science church.

A publisher who would not even advertise our lectures, was so impressed by assistance given him that he has since been carrying Lesson-Sermon excerpts, and has offered to carry a full lecture report.

An elderly and cultured graduate of a famous eastern college asked for and was given a Bible; and later she was aided in self-support by being provided with a sewing machine.

At one place before the flood there was a small group of eight or nine people meeting for church service. Since the flood the number has increased to thirty-two, and this group has made application for recognition as a Christian Science Society.

The pastor of a Methodist church expressed much appreciation for the assistance he received, and said he did not know what he would have done had we not helped him. He borrowed a textbook from the Reading Room, and is very happy in what he is finding there.

Thus, in the words of a beautiful hymn:

> "All perfect gifts are from above,
> And all our blessings show
> The amplitude of God's dear love
> Which every heart may know."

Report of Christian Science Trustees for Gifts and Endowments, Read by Fred M. Lamson, Trustee

Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has stated in "The People's Idea of God" (p. 1) that "every step of progress is a step more spiritual." Your Trustees are glad to report progress. Since this trusteeship was estab-

lished, eleven years ago, there have been set up one hundred and twenty-two trusts. During this period trusts have terminated and property thereunder amounting to $216,031.91 has been turned over to the Treasurer of The Mother Church. There are also trusts which have automatically been made irrevocable, amounting to $616,866.68; that is to say, certain conditions have been carried out which were made by the makers of the trusts, so that while the trusts are now made irrevocable, they are still in force, but are waiting the fulfillment of other conditions before the principal can be paid over to The Mother Church.

As we have mentioned in previous reports, the whole or part of the funds placed in a trust can be withdrawn should the maker find it necessary to do so. In this connection, during the year 1936 we have returned to donors, at their request, a total of $9,129.30.

During the year 1936 fifteen new trusts were established, having a book value of $178,813.59. Securities and cash amounting to $46,465.09 were added to other trusts during 1936.

As you know, the period through which we are now passing requires great care in order to safeguard the principal and at the same time procure as much income as possible for the beneficiaries. Your Trustees have obtained advice from those whose business it is not only to analyze the financial condition of the corporations and municipalities in which we have invested, but to advise the Trustees in regard to keeping all investments under each trust properly diversified.

Our Leader tells us in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 288) that "wisdom in human action begins with what is nearest right under the circumstances, and thence achieves the absolute." There is ample and convincing evidence that when The Christian Science Board of Directors established the Trusteeship for Gifts and Endowments, now entering upon its twelfth year, they were guided by wisdom, and provided for the movement and its members a form of service that is proving right, useful, and protective. Moreover, this trusteeship not only is supplying a practical and needful service, but, like all authorized activities of The Mother Church, is aiding in the extension of the teachings and healing ministry of Christian Science.

Report of the Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy, Read by William M. Bartlett, Secretary

The Trustees under the Will of Mary Baker Eddy have expended more than $200,000 during the year ended April 30.

Of this, over $74,000 was used to assist thirty-three churches and societies in erecting, purchasing, or remodeling buildings. More than $21,000 was given to churches and societies by paying the excess traveling expenses of lecturers. Approximately $10,000 was spent to assist branches of The Mother Church in paying for their first lectures, and to aid Christian Science Organizations at universities and colleges in giving lectures. More than $21,000 was sent to Christian Science churches and societies to assist in paying for authorized literature used for free distribution.

About $14,000 was expended to place Mrs. Eddy's writings and other authorized publications where there

are no branches of The Mother Church, to supply literature in Braille for the blind, to place our publications in Christian Science lending libraries and in reformatories and prisons, and to send *The Christian Science Monitor* to United States Consulates, to officials and congressmen in Washington, and to officials in London, England.

As certain restrictions were made by the German Government, we have substantially assisted the Christian Scientists of Germany to continue receiving Mrs. Eddy's writings and other authorized literature, and have enabled churches, societies, and practitioners to continue having cards in our periodicals.

During the year, $30,745.86 of grant money was voluntarily returned by churches in the Field.

The Field will be happy to learn that more copies of Science and Health were sold last year than in any year since 1926, while the gain in the volume of sales over the preceding year was 48 per cent. The sales of all of Mrs. Eddy's writings in 1936 increased 66 per cent over sales in 1935.

Since the last Annual Meeting the seven poems by Mrs. Eddy used as hymns in the Christian Science Hymnal have been published in pamphlet form in Braille and in Moon type for the use of the blind. The Poetical Works of Mary Baker Eddy, including the illustrated poem, "Christ and Christmas," have been published in one volume in black, in brown, and in blue morocco. The Complete Concordance to Mrs. Eddy's works has been brought out, presenting this important volume in the size of type used in the cloth and levant editions of the Concordances. This volume is bound in rich levant, and is the handsomest of the Bible paper editions in limp leather published by the Trustees under the Will. Just recently the Church Manual has been brought out in a Plain Print edition, uniform in size and binding with the standard pocket edition of Mrs. Eddy's writings, bound in black, in brown, and in blue morocco, and with numbered lines.

The publication of the Church Manual in the new style completes the series of pocket editions in black, brown, and blue morocco, in which all of the published writings of Mrs. Eddy are now made available in four volumes, namely, Science and Health, Prose Works, Poetical Works, and the Church Manual.

Report of Manager of Committees on Publication, C. Augustus Norwood

The work of Committees on Publication is not confined to places where branches of The Mother Church are established. This activity is maintained wherever a qualified member of the Christian Science Mother Church organization is found. Its purpose is to prepare the way for the progress of our Cause by correcting and leavening public thought in regard to our organization, our religion, and our Leader, Mrs. Eddy.

During the year, secular newspapers published approximately one hundred thousand excerpts from our Lesson-Sermons, each of which showed that Christian Science is based on the Bible. Radio stations carried some nine thousand religious programs, each of which included passages from the Bible and from Mrs. Eddy's writings. Secular newspapers reprinted about twelve thousand religious articles from *The Christian Science Monitor,* and more

than two hundred and fifty radio stations now carry "The Monitor Views the News."

Committees on Publication, by request, have addressed meetings of other denominations. These meetings have increased in importance and in number. Committees have assisted in securing much publicity for Christian Science lectures, through which healing messages have been carried to many people who did not attend the lectures. Committees have also established subscriptions to the *Monitor* in many newspaper offices through a special exchange-for-advertising plan.

All this work is in line with St. Paul's statement to the Corinthians, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Our legislative work has afforded us the outstanding experience of the year. This work has given us much cause for rejoicing; but it has also called to our attention the great need for further work, in the spirit of the extemporaneous remarks of our Leader, on July Fourth, 1886, in the course of which she asked (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 176): "Are we duly aware of our own great opportunities and responsibilities? Are we prepared to meet and improve them, to act up to the acme of divine energy wherewith we are armored?"

We are glad to report that public thought, which is reflected in legislative bodies, has become sufficiently free from prejudice so that Committees have been able to prevent the passage of many measures which would have restricted the rights of Christian Scientists; and that the Committees for Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Washington, and Wyoming have secured the adoption of provisions favorable to Christian Science or to medical freedom.

But regimentation is no stranger to the field of health legislation. In the name of socialized medicine, and for the avowed purpose of stamping out various diseases, many sweeping proposals are being put forward. And in some quarters the teaching of the symptoms of certain diseases to public school children is being advocated.

These conditions point to the needs of the hour. The fundamental needs are, as always, co-operation among Christian Scientists, and good healing work. But there is also an urgent need for our carrying the message of Christian Science forward so that, as extreme proposals are promulgated, our desires and aims will be understood and respected.

In these circumstances we renew our allegiance to our Leader, who said (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 120): "Beloved students, loyal laborers are ye that have wrought valiantly, and achieved great guerdons in the vineyard of our Lord; but a mighty victory is yet to be won, a great freedom for the race; and Christian success is under arms,—with armor on, not laid down."

Report of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Read by Judge Frederick C. Hill, Chairman

Our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, in her letter to The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, says: "The Christ mode of understanding Life—of exterminating sin and suffering and their penalty, death—I

have largely committed to you, my faithful witnesses. You go forth to face the foe with loving look and with the religion and philosophy of labor, duty, liberty, and love, to challenge universal indifference, chance, and creeds. Your highest inspiration is found nearest the divine Principle and nearest the scientific expression of Truth" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 248).

This Board has had many opportunities to stand as "faithful witnesses," and from the fields have come reports that sin, fear, resentment, sickness, and distress have lessened, and a better understanding of God's presence has been established, as a result of the lectures.

The press has been very generous in contributing space for the publication of lecture reports. One newspaper editor telephoned the clerk of a local church and requested permission to publish a lecture. He said that in twenty years of newspaper experience he had never known such an immediate, warm, and enthusiastic response from the public.

Alexandria, Egypt, reports a happy and interesting experience. The hall was crowded to overflowing, some having to stand. Many were helped by the lecture. Six nationalities were represented, Egyptian, English, French, Greek, Italian, and Swiss. The report says, "One Mohammedan borrowed Science and Health, and one Jew bought a copy from the Reading Room since the lecture."

Notwithstanding governmental regulations, the requirement of admission cards for lectures, and other limitations in Germany, interest has continued unabated, and many expressions of gratitude and reports of healing as a result of the lectures have been received.

The radio has been used extensively in the lecture work, and by its use Christian Science has reached many who would not otherwise have shared its healing message. Hundreds of letters were received by church clerks, Committees on Publication, and others in charge of this activity, and many expressions of thanks and gratitude, as well as healings, have been reported.

Lectures were delivered in prisons, penitentiaries, reformatories, and houses of correction, with gratifying results. In one large prison in the United States, the warden and prison officials granted permission to install loud speakers throughout the prison. Thirty-three hundred of the prison population heard an entire lecture, and seventeen hundred heard thirty minutes of it radiocast from a distant city. The officials expressed appreciation, and there was an increased demand for Christian Science literature. The prison service showed a marked increase in attendance and in interest. One man wrote, "I was healed of bitter resentment, and of a belief long entertained that there was a place where God is not present."

The total number of lectures delivered by members of the Board of Lectureship during the year ended April 30, 1937, was 3216, with an approximate attendance of 2,956,402 persons. Of these lectures, fifty-three were given in Africa, fifty-four in Australasia, seven in Hawaii, China, Japan, and Manila, one in the City of Mexico, eight in Bermuda, Canal Zone, and West Indies, 242 in Great Britain and Ireland, 129 in Continental Europe and Scandinavia, and 2722 in Canada, the United States, and Alaska. Included in the total number of lectures were fifty-four under the auspices of Christian Science Organizations in universities and colleges.

This Board is appreciative of the counsel, advice, and support of The Christian Science Board of Directors, which have contributed much to the success of the lecture work.

We are increasingly grateful for each opportunity to bear public testimony to the life and character of our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, who has revealed the spiritual law of God, as the law of Life, and its healing effects manifested through Christian Science. In Science and Health (p. 162) she writes: "The effect of this Science is to stir the human mind to a change of base, on which it may yield to the harmony of the divine Mind." As we consider the trust committed to the Board of Lectureship, and as we review the results obtained, we are very humble for the part we have had in stirring "the human mind to a change of base."

Hymn No. 264, "Onward, Christian soldiers," was sung at this point.

Report of The Christian Science Publishing Society, Read by Roland R. Harrison, Manager

It is the constant desire of the Trustees of The Christian Science Publishing Society to base this activity of The Mother Church upon the healing ministry of Christian Science. The Christian Science periodicals, published by this Society and distributed throughout the world, have no other purpose than to inspire humanity that it may find relief from its burden of sickness and sin. With this basic ministry in view the Trustees make their report.

The Journal, Sentinel, and Herald Editorial Department expresses its thanks for the contributions received during the past year from members of The Mother Church. On page 271 of "Miscellaneous Writings" Mrs. Eddy states regarding *The Christian Science Journal,* that students of Christian Science "should take our magazine, work for it, write for it, and read it." These words, applicable to all the periodicals, make especial appeal to active workers throughout the Field. Love for God and man should be the incentive for sharing our spiritual understanding and demonstrations with all ready to profit by them. More of the articles, which appear in the *Sentinel,* written especially for young people and children are desired. They should always contain a Christian Science lesson, simply and clearly stated.

In an excerpt from a letter which appeared in the *Journal* for May, 1936, Mrs. Eddy states: "Healing is the best sermon, healing is the best lecture, and the entire demonstration of Christian Science. The sinner and the sick healed are our best witnesses." There could be no stronger appeal than this for testimonies of healing. The Field is urged to send testimonies, thereby aiding others to realize the value of Christian Science as a healing agency.

Religious articles submitted by members of The Mother Church for The Home Forum page of the *Monitor* should deal with subjects relative to human experience, and always from the Christian Science standpoint.

There has been particular need during the past year for the impartial, healing journalism that is characteristic of *The Christian Science Monitor.* The impelling purpose of the paper has been to provide its readers with a balanced, accurate presentation of the news, with emphasis on "the helpful, the constructive, the encouraging."

Recognizing the current interest

in Constitutional problems in the United States, the *Monitor* began on May 20, and will continue until September 18, the publication of a carefully prepared series of daily dispatches, as from the Constitutional Convention held at Philadelphia in 1787.

In line with a provision made for the *Monitor* at its founding, the New England edition has been expanded in the local news column, and now also includes full financial and stock reports. All other editions of the *Monitor* are also being enlarged and improved. New popular features include "Tower Views," a daily news commentary, and the thrice-weekly column "Economics in the News."

Great appreciation has been expressed for the effort to maintain an independent, nonpartisan editorial policy. At a recent convention of newspapermen one of the most eminent journalists in America said that the *Monitor's* impartial and well-rounded news and editorial coverage before the presidential election was "the outstanding piece of journalism in the campaign."

The circulation work for the past year has continued to progress. Not only has it resulted in increased circulation of all the periodicals, but the evidences are many that the circulation activity is proving its healing ministry.

Annual reports of 1058 Circulation Representatives throughout the world evidence their consecrated work in behalf of our periodicals. Through their efforts *The Christian Science Monitor* has been brought to the attention of large numbers of new readers, and many hundreds of subscriptions have been added to the *Journal, Sentinel, Quarterly,* as well as to our daily newspaper.

An outstanding news event of the year was the Coronation of King George VI. In commemoration of this occasion, and as a tribute to the world's good will toward the new British monarch, the *Monitor* published a Coronation Issue with a beautiful four-color souvenir. This issue carried advertisements from Australia, Austria, Canada, England, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Netherlands India, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.

At the outset preparation was made for the sale of four hundred and sixty-six thousand copies, but to fill the late orders that poured in it became necessary to increase the run to six hundred and sixty-six thousand copies. Circulation Representatives and their committee workers entered into this activity with great enthusiasm, and we are assured that this issue has made many new friends for the *Monitor* and thereby opened the way for the other periodicals.

The *Monitor* now has 636 local advertising representatives, in twenty-seven countries. During the year just ended, fifty more branch churches have appointed Monitor Advertising Information Committees, bringing the total number of these committees to 1177, in twenty-six countries. Committees have been organized for the first time in Ancon, Canal Zone; Bombay, India; and Port of Spain, Trinidad. The number of advertisers during the year rose to 23,797, thus exceeding any previous year.

The Trustees take this opportunity to express their deep appreciation of and sincere thanks for the splendid co-operation of the Field of Christian Science in carrying forward the life purpose of our great

Leader, to take to receptive humanity everywhere the only remedy for its many ills—the message of the healing and saving Christ.

On the façade of the Publishing House are engraved in stone these significant words of the Psalmist: "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." The messages of spiritual truth set forth in our Leader's writings and in the pages of our periodicals are from the source of all good. Great, indeed, is the company who publishes them; for in this holy work are engaged all Christian Scientists who by word, by thought, and by righteous prayer uphold this great enterprise, established by our beloved Leader as an important agency in taking to the world what she describes as "the Science that operates unspent" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 353).

Report of the Department of Branches and Practitioners, Read by Miss M. Rosamond Wright, Manager

Earnest Christian Scientists who have experienced the healing and regenerative influence of the Christ, Truth, early recognize that they are, in the words of our Leader, "students of a demonstrable Science leading the ages" (Message to The Mother Church for 1901, p. 21). Here is a high standard for Christian Scientists, and an imperative call to stand with consecration before the public as true ambassadors of this "demonstrable Science."

When such workers come to the practice of Christian Science, in the spirit of selfless Christian ministry and as the outgrowth of discipleship, it is natural that they should take the necessary steps to have their names included in the list of practitioners in *The Christian Science Journal.*

Since our last Annual Meeting, applications for cards in the *Journal* have been accepted by The Christian Science Board of Directors from six hundred and ninety-two practitioners and fifty-seven nurses. Applications have also been accepted for cards in the *Heralds* from fifty practitioners.

Good growth in our movement is shown through the organization and recognition of fifty-nine new churches and societies as branches of The Mother Church, and six new university organizations. Twenty-five of these branches are in Europe, thirty in North America, two in Australasia, one in Africa, and one in South America. Twenty-six societies have taken the title of church.

Perhaps of equal interest from the standpoint of growth in Christian fellowship is the fact that in three instances two churches in a city have united, where the second church had been formed through division; and the work in these cities has been stimulated and strengthened through this demonstration of unity among the workers.

It is evident that the world today is not repudiating Christian teachings, but only the misconception of these teachings, sometimes evidenced through strife and jealousy in religious bodies. There is no conflict being waged against the fruits of the Spirit, defined by Paul as "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith," and so forth.

Growth in individual Christian character finds its fruitage in greater unity in our church relationships, and results in the cementing of our mutual interests into closer Christian fellowship. Conflicts and separation

cannot long endure where forbearance and love are being cherished by the members. Nor can conflicts and separation withstand the beneficent influence of long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith, by which we "make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God" (Ephesians 3:9).

Report of Trustees of the Christian Science Benevolent Associations and the Pleasant View Home, Read by William W. Davis, Executive Supervisor

Year by year the purposes for which our Christian Science Benevolent Association sanatoriums were established have been fulfilled, and a larger number of guests have accepted the opportunities offered for healing, recuperation, and recreation. Harmony and peace prevail within their doors, and a loving welcome awaits the visitor. The Bible says (Psalms 118:19), "Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord." During the past year there has been a very gratifying increase in the number of guests at both sanatoriums —at Chestnut Hill and San Francisco. This increase is encouraging, and we are deeply grateful for this enlarged opportunity for the demonstration of Christian Science healing.

Our sanatoriums are well filled at certain times during the year, but a more equal distribution, whereby more applications would be received between October and May, would result in the greatest good to the greatest number.

Faithful efforts to overcome various manifestations of discord, and thus to prove the power of Truth when its rules are applied as taught in Christian Science, are continually reaching their fruitage in healing.

Flowers and shrubs are grown at both sanatoriums, in sufficient quantities to beautify the grounds and to furnish abundant cut flowers for the rooms. The gardens adjoining our Pleasant View Home are filled with the glow of blossoming plants, many of which are of the old-fashioned and hardy varieties especially appropriate for a New England home.

The Christian Science Pleasant View Home provides a refuge of rest and peace to residents and associates. Within this home, sheltered and protected from the turmoil which prevails throughout most of the world, they find an opportunity to continue in spiritual advancement and to accept the ever-present help of divine Love. Those attributes which encourage and maintain equality—consideration for others and true brotherly love—find expression at the Pleasant View Home.

We gratefully acknowledge and extend our sincere appreciation to the members of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship who have again so generously donated lectures to the sanatoriums and the Pleasant View Home. These lectures are appreciated by those privileged to attend, and healings taking place during the lectures are often reported afterwards.

We continually receive from former guests letters containing expressions of overflowing gratitude for the harmony, love, and healing experienced at the sanatoriums.

The numerous Committees on Sanatorium Information are proving helpful to a better understanding of our charitable institutions, especially among members of those

churches and societies by which such committees have been appointed. Many of these committees have been granted the opportunity to report at regular members' meetings.

The rising increase in cost of food supplies and other commodities is being counteracted in large measure through the use of the budget control and the food-cost-accounting systems, supported by the earnest attention of our executives and associates to the details of expense. The interiors and exteriors of the buildings are being maintained properly in accordance with the standard desired and expected by the Field.

Our charitable institutions belong to the Field, and from it they merit and receive financial and metaphysical support. Thus they are enabled to render benevolent assistance to those in need.

Incidents of Christian Science Healing, Read by William R. Knox, of Boston, Massachusetts

As in previous years a number of testimonies of healing, properly verified, were read. They served to give some indication of the healing and regenerating power of Christian Science, and to show how widely throughout the world the teaching of Christian Science is understood and practiced.

Report of the Clerk, Ezra W. Palmer

The Mother Church, built on the Rock, Christ, is a mighty power for righteousness. It is leavening, transforming, and spiritualizing thought throughout the world, both within and without the Christian Science movement. Gradually, but surely, barren dogmas and false concepts which obstruct the flow of light from God to human consciousness, are fading away as the spiritual idea of Church becomes clearer and dearer to the seekers for reality.

It is inspiring to remember that in the real Church God's ideas in all their fullness and glory are at hand to supply man's needs. Church membership aids in satisfying our spiritual aspirations. Growth in understanding of God and man enables members to master evil both for themselves and for others. Thus their uplifted thoughts bless their fellow men in an ever-widening circle. Members of The Mother Church see that the field of human thought is ripe for the harvest of eternal verities, and all over the world they are endeavoring to obey Christ's command to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. The teaching and example of their great Master, Christ Jesus, and their beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, guide their unceasing labors.

The international appeal of Christian Science is indicated by the fact that the Instructions for filling out Applications for Membership in The Mother Church are now available in eleven languages. Christian Scientists desiring to apply for membership in The Mother Church may consult the Clerk either in person or by letter.

Many young people, who are pupils in the Sunday schools throughout the Field or who have just finished Sunday school, are applying for membership in The Mother Church. This activity is an evidence of the divine nature of Christian Science, which draws children, as well as adults, to partake of the things of Spirit.

The Mother Church welcomes with joy its new members into this field of labor and service. We counsel them to hold their faces to the light, and not forget nor neglect to keep the warmth of that inner glow which illumined their thought when first divine Science dawned upon their consciousness. We remind them to defend themselves daily against the aggressions of evil. They may have trials, defeats, and victories, but they will not faint, if faithful unto the end of error, and so will gain the crown of righteousness. The Christ, Truth, guides and protects them; it blesses and prospers their labors. Our revered Leader says to us, "Let us be faithful and obedient, and God will do the rest" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 158).

THE MOTHER CHURCH LECTURES

Nineteen lectures were sponsored by The Mother Church this year. Large and attentive audiences greeted our lecturers, who declared unto them the things of God and man revealed through Christian Science.

READING ROOMS

The three Reading Rooms of The Mother Church continue their good work of service and healing. Sales of literature and attendance increase. The Reading Room formerly in the Statler Office Building is now located in the Berkeley Building on Boylston Street. Following this move greater activity was at once manifested. The street level display window at the Norway Street Reading Room attracts many passers-by. Frequently they come in seeking information and help. Visitors at our Reading Rooms daily express gratitude for having the rooms in which to read and study.

LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

During the past year the Literature Distribution Committee of The Mother Church has been quietly pursuing its work. Fruitage has been exceptionally gratifying, repeatedly proving that our literature, when distributed with wisdom and love, meets the human need.

Many local members of The Mother Church do distribution work, and because of their service this valued work continues.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Mother Church Sunday School continues to unfold satisfactorily and many progressive steps have been taken. More classes and, consequently, more teachers indicate its numerical growth. The Sunday School Library lent more books than ever before, indicating active interest in spiritual good.

Both pupils and teachers are grateful for our Leader's loving provision for the Sunday school, and for the opportunity it affords to bring the message of Christian Science healing into the homes and lives of the pupils.

Reports from the Field

Reports from the Field were read by Mrs. Mildred Wyatt Rawson, of London, England, and Mr. Herschel P. Nunn, of Portland, Oregon. These reports invariably expressed the gratitude of branch churches for the work of our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, and for the healing work and progress being made throughout the Field.

Of particular significance, and an especial cause for gratitude, is the fact that the reports from the branch churches this season abundantly portray unity, love for God and man,

and, as a natural sequence, good healing work.

Extracts from only a few of the letters could be read in the time assigned, but these were representative of the many records of progress received by The Mother Church.

First Church, Berlin, Germany, expresses gratitude for progress in the building of its edifice, and for many proofs of the guidance of divine Principle in connection with this work. The letter states that "the erection of First Church is an event of common interest to all Berlin churches. Many of them have sacrificed part or the total of their own building fund. Other churches in Germany have also contributed substantial amounts."

All the Churches of Greater New York unite in reporting growth and progress evidenced by increased attendance and greater unity. Fourth Church has dedicated its edifice and others have reduced their building indebtedness. Many of the churches report an increase in sales, attendance, and fruitage in the Reading Rooms.

The three Churches of Glasgow, Scotland, are united in their gratitude for growth during the past year, and in their joy that Second Church is now located in its own edifice. Their message also pays grateful tribute to the Manual of The Mother Church.

First Church, Bridgetown, Barbados, reports that it is free from all indebtedness; also, that this year for the first time the inmates of the local prison have been permitted to receive *The Christian Science Monitor,* a concession deeply appreciated by the men. The members of this church express gratitude for the broadcasts of the services from The Mother Church, to which they listen at the conclusion of their Sunday evening service.

Thirteenth Church, London, England, gratefully reports growth and progress in all its activities; also healings directly resulting from the work of the Reading Room, and several at one of the lectures given. Literature sales have greatly increased; the sale of Bibles doubled.

Second Church, Louisville, Kentucky, expresses gratitude for the immediate help of The Mother Church, and that of its sister churches, in the recent flood. It is grateful also that assistance was not confined to Christian Scientists, but afforded an opportunity to introduce Christian Science to others. Many newcomers are attending its services, visiting its Reading Room, and investigating Christian Science.

Five branch Churches of France unite in an expression of gratitude for the blessings of the past year, among which are the increasing interest of the French people (attested by increased sales of literature in the Reading Rooms), and permission granted by authorities to place eighty copies of Science and Health in the public libraries of Paris.

First Church, Des Moines, Iowa, has admitted during the past year more new members than in any of the preceding five years. It also reports an increase of one hundred and twenty-two members of The Mother Church over last year's record.

Christian Science Society, Malvern, Australia, one of the new branches, was formed in 1936 as an overflow of First Church, Melbourne,

and had the united approval and support of that church as well as of the three other churches in Melbourne. Soon after recognition was granted by The Mother Church a Literature Distribution Committee was appointed, and a little later a Reading Room was established. Satisfactory progress is reported in all its activities.

Twenty-one Churches of Chicago, Illinois, join in a report of progress, unity, and brotherly kindness. Fifteenth Church expects to start the building of its third, and last, unit within the next few months. Twentieth Church has purchased and fully paid for a lot for the erection of its edifice.

First Church, Berne, Switzerland, joyfully reports the dedication of its beautiful church edifice on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1937.

The thirty-four Churches and the Society of Los Angeles unite in an inspiring message: "Harmony and continued growth of Christian Science activities in this field have marked the past year. Healing work has greatly increased and brotherly love more fully abounds in our memberships and joint field work."

Christian Science Society, Batavia, Java, expresses deep gratitude for a year of substantial achievement, and states that the sense of unity among its members has never been more pronounced. Christian Science literature is now accepted at the local prison and is being enjoyed.

The members of Second Church, Dublin, Ireland, are experiencing a greater sense of unity in their field. They give thanks for increased healing work, to which they attribute a growing interest in the services, the Sunday school, and the literature. These factors have contributed to the resources of the church, thereby bringing its dedication appreciably nearer.

First Church, Annapolis, Maryland, reports the dedication of its edifice on April 4; also the giving of two lectures, both of which were published in full in local newspapers. A squad of fifty midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy attends the Sunday services of this church.

On behalf of The Mother Church, its Board of Directors acknowledges with appreciation and gratitude, these and other inspiring reports from its branches.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 1).

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New President of The Mother Church

Judge Clifford P. Smith, C. S. B., LL. B., became interested in Christian Science at Mason City, Iowa, in 1896, where he practiced law before becoming judge of the District Court of Iowa, the superior court of that state. He has been a member of The Mother Church since 1902, and was one of its Executive Members. He had class instruction from an authorized teacher in 1901, Primary instruction from the Christian Science Board of Education in 1903, and Normal instruction from this Board in 1910.

Judge Smith has been in the service of The Mother Church occasionally since 1905, and continually since

1908. The positions he has held include the following: member of a committee to define and preserve the legal rights of Christian Scientists, First Reader of The Mother Church, Trustee of The Christian Science Publishing Society, President of The Mother Church, member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship, teacher in the Christian Science Board of Education, Manager of Committees on Publication, Editor of *The Christian Science Journal, Sentinel,* and *Herald.* Since 1932 he has been Editor of The Mother Church's Bureau of History and Records. He also had the privilege of rendering particular services under the direction of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.

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New Member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship

Dr. Walton Hubbard, C. S. B., was born in Wisconsin, and received his early education in that state. After a brief period in a Polytechnic Institute in Indiana, he decided to become a physician and surgeon, and studied in the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College. Following the completion of his course, he first practiced medicine in the state of Washington, later returning to Wisconsin, where he continued in that profession. During this time Dr. Hubbard became gradually and increasingly interested in the teachings of Christian Science, and in 1910 he ceased to practice medicine. He received class instruction in Christian Science, and returned to Washington, where he engaged in the practice of Christian Science, eventually settling in Spokane.

Dr. Hubbard became a member of The Mother Church and of First Church, Spokane, in 1910. In 1914 he served as First Reader of First Church, Spokane. He received class instruction in the Normal Class of the Board of Education in 1913, and became a teacher of Christian Science. Dr. Hubbard previously served as a member of the Board of Lectureship for a period of ten years, until in 1926 he withdrew to devote his time to teaching and practicing Christian Science in Los Angeles, California.

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Board of Lectureship

The list of lecturers elected to serve on The Christian Science Board of Lectureship during 1937-1938 is as follows:

Gavin W. Allan, C. S. B., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Peter B. Biggins, C. S. B., Seattle, Washington.
Hon. William E. Brown, C. S. B., Los Angeles, California.
Mrs. Louise Knight Wheatley Cook, C. S. B., Kansas City, Missouri.
Richard J. Davis, C. S., Chicago, Illinois.
Dr. Hendrik J. de Lange, C. S. B., New York, New York.
John Randall Dunn, C. S. B., Centerville, Massachusetts.
Colin Rücker Eddison, C. S., London, England.
Miss Margaret Murney Glenn, C. S. B., Boston, Massachusetts.
Judge Samuel W. Greene, C. S. B., Chicago, Illinois.
Paul A. Harsch, C. S. B., Toledo, Ohio.
Judge Frederick C. Hill, C. S., Los Angeles, California.
Dr. Walton Hubbard, C. S. B., Los Angeles, California.
Francis Lyster Jandron, C. S. B., Detroit, Michigan.
William Duncan Kilpatrick, C. S. B., Detroit, Michigan.
Miss Margaret Morrison, C. S., Chicago, Illinois.
William Wallace Porter, C. S. B., New York, New York.
Robert Stanley Ross, C. S. B., New York, New York.
Paul Stark Seeley, C. S. B., Portland, Oregon.
John Henry Weer, C. S., Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
Charles V. Winn, C. S. B., Pasadena, California.
Bicknell Young, C. S. B., Chicago, Illinois.

THE PRESENCE OF MIND

PEARL G. ANDREWS

MUCH admiration and commendation is due one who manifests in his daily life that alertness which is commonly called "presence of mind." This expression is often used, however, without realization of its spiritual significance. Though used thoughtlessly, it has behind it unsuspected depths of meaning when examined in the ever-unfolding light of Truth. Christian Science reveals its higher meaning by interpreting it spiritually.

The ability to exhibit forethought and foresight; to think, speak, and act quickly and wisely in moments of doubt or peril, is not always recognized as coming from the Supreme Being, to whom belongs all intelligence. More often it is regarded as an inherited or educated trait of the human mind. Through the study of our textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, we learn that Mind is a synonym for God. Therefore, since God is ever present, Mind is necessarily ever present. Hence the loss or absence of Mind is an impossibility. According to the first chapter of Genesis, man is made in the image and likeness of God. He is the complete and perfect reflection of God, of Mind. Therefore man is eternally conscious of the presence of Mind. What a marvelous heritage is this divine bestowal! When fully claimed and utilized, what unlimited good must result to mankind!

Is it not true that the seeming lack of alert mindfulness in the affairs of daily life, be they considered big or little, the indiscretion so frequently evident in one's ways and words, many times causes sorrow, regret, and even disaster? How great is the need for the realization and application of the presence of Mind, for recognition of the "still small voice," whispering needed counsel, reminding where we seem to forget, guiding with true intuition, and leading us to speak words of wisdom and love in place of hasty, thoughtless ones!

As the student progresses in the understanding of Mind's omnipresence, his intelligent pondering of the Scriptures, with their scientific interpretation gained from our Leader's writings, gives him true authority and poise, and this makes for a better sense of health and harmony.

In matters pertaining to his church affiliation, his daily occupation, or his recreation, the student will indeed find himself in possession, by reflection, of that Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus." His reliance upon divine Mind will protect him from erroneous decisions. He will learn to talk less and think more, and he will know when to speak and what to say. In "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 346), after quoting from Proverbs, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver," Mrs. Eddy admonishes us, "It is a rule in Christian Science never to repeat error unless it becomes requisite to bring out Truth."

To the thought made ready through consecration, watchfulness, and daily prayer, there will assuredly unfold more and more of divine intelligence and the true sense of wisdom which knows no misdirected energy, no impulsive or mistaken judgment. Hence there will be no

occasion for regrets or self-condemnation because of wrong moves, or because of any ill-gotten or ill-given influence or advice.

What egotism to suppose mortal mind capable of usurping the power of God and overturning or interfering with that which is divinely designed by our heavenly Father! God is the only power. Man has no power apart from Him, infinite good. There is actually no evil power, either ignorant or malicious, that can change a course or obstruct a path outlined by divine law. No blundering attempt of mortal mind to do so can ever stop the onward march of righteousness, any more than a breeze can turn or arrest the oncoming tide of the ocean.

The ever-present divine Mind unfolds to the student's individual consciousness not only true wisdom, but also love which reflects that strong and tender guidance of our Father-Mother God, love which is free from misinterpretations or misconstructions regarding others' motives and acts. If in our branch church, affairs do not go according to our way of thinking, should it change our manner of approach to fellow members? True love is never guilty of discourtesy, turning the cold shoulder or looking askance when things do not quite please one. A Christian Science student will remember that God is Love—divine Love—whom our Leader has also named Principle, Mind, and that she writes in Science and Health (p. 283), "Mind is the same Life, Love, and wisdom 'yesterday, and to-day, and forever.'"

Divine Principle never fluctuates. Throughout Mrs. Eddy's writings we find the word "Principle" repeatedly coupled with Love. And why not? What can be more truly identical with unfailing, unchanging Principle than Love? A mother's love remains love, no matter what ingratitude or thoughtless speech or action her child may express. Still her love remains love, lives on, and works on. It is a love which symbolizes divine Love. It includes qualities which reflect God, divine Principle, such as reliability, durability, constancy, and consistency.

In "Miscellaneous Writings" our Leader writes (p. 250): "Love is not something put upon a shelf, to be taken down on rare occasions with sugar-tongs and laid on a rose-leaf. I make strong demands on love, call for active witnesses to prove it, and noble sacrifices and grand achievements as its results." Let us see to it that we fulfill these demands; that our love be too big for pettiness and strife. Thus shall we learn to exemplify that ever-present Love, or Mind, which is Principle, and justly partake of the promised recompense proclaimed in the Holy Scriptures, "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

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There are three kinds of silence. Silence from words is good, because inordinate speaking tends to evil. Silence, or rest from desires and passions, is still better, because it promotes quietness of spirit. But the best of all is silence from unnecessary and wandering thoughts, because that is essential to internal recollection, and because it lays a foundation for a proper regulation and silence in other respects.—*Madame Guyon.*

MAN, NOT PERSON; SCIENCE, NOT SUFFERING

HENDRIK J. DE LANGE

WHEN Christ Jesus gave the command, "Love one another," he added significantly, "as I have loved you." Herein is defined the nature of the true love essential for happiness. By way of further elucidation, the Master subsequently declared, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Scholastic theology has usually interpreted these words as meaning that the Nazarene was willing to suffer and die on the cross. The fresh and vital impetus which Christian Science brings to the right understanding of Jesus, emphasizes his life, sayings, and works rather than what appeared to be his death. In fact, the whole tenor of Mary Baker Eddy's discovery has been to disclose the certainty that Christianity is to be regarded as the Science of Life or God, and to make plain how this Science may be practically applied in freeing us from everything which does not belong to the Life that is God, good. Consequently, to lay down one's life for one's friends acquires a deeper significance and additional value when it is understood that it means to lay down, or not admit, the reality of a mortal, material, personal sense of Life.

One of the main differences between scholastic theology and Christian Science consists in the point of view from which the life and works of Christ Jesus are approached. Scholastic theology does not hesitate to call real and true the testimony of the human or material senses. Christian Science, recognizing God as Truth and reality, beholds and interprets the Master's life and works from the standpoint of Truth or reality. Thus Mrs. Eddy could consistently state (No and Yes, p. 36): "Jesus' true and conscious being never left heaven for earth. It abode forever above, even while mortals believed it was here." This is equally true of the real selfhood of everyone else today and always.

The understanding of God as Truth implies that no right conclusions and solutions can be reached except by reasoning from Truth. That is, by reasoning from a correct and not an erroneous premise, however true or real it may seem to be according to the claim of material sense testimony. It is tersely expressed in the Christian Science textbook (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, p. 290), that "perfection is gained only by perfection."

Scholastic theology starts out with a sinning, mortal person, who slowly and painfully tries to work up to a perfection believed to be attainable only after death, and in a distant place. Christian Science starts with the perfect Father-Mother God, or Principle, and with the kingdom of heaven, harmony, here and now, where God's man or full manifestation is as perfect and harmonious as God, man's origin.

Those who are turning to Christian Science and are discerning this divinely rational viewpoint and *modus operandi*, are readily acknowledging that they are more successful, happier, and healthier than before. It needs not much elaboration to show that keeping out erroneous thoughts is an easier and more direct method of spiritual advance than first

accepting a wrong concept as one's own, and afterwards trying to get rid of it.

This latter course is the attitude of one who has not yet been enlightened by Christian Science as to his real or divine nature. He has been educated to believe that he is a finite person—an animate material form equipped with a restricted thinking capacity, supposedly within his physical bulk. He considers both good and evil, health and sickness, happiness and misery, as real and natural for himself and everyone else. He may have hopes for future improved conditions. In fact, this instinct is, with the majority of mankind, so strong that it pushes them on in an almost ceaseless endeavor for betterment. Yet there also appears a disintegrating tendency to be skeptical about enduring improvements. Such has been the general trend of education.

Christian Science has come as the Comforter unfolding all Truth, and therefore producing a definite change of thought in the world. This mental permutation means that an understanding of infinite Science is doing away with a finite, personal sense of God and man, and of salvation. Our textbook states (p. 471) that "man is, and forever has been, God's reflection." And the ever-present Saviour, so gloriously exemplified by Christ Jesus, is the impersonal, divine understanding of existence as the manifestation of the perfect First Cause.

For one accustomed to think of himself and of existence at large in a personal way, it may seem a sacrifice to give up this personally centered sense. But, oh! the joy, liberation, and satisfaction when one is willing to do it! This is less difficult when one begins to see that whatever enjoyment and gratification may seem to be attached to a finite, personal sense of life, its disappointments, sorrows, and failures are much greater. Personal sense represents only an imperfect, temporal, material concept of that which divinely and really constitutes man. For that reason, there need not be any fear to "lay down" or reject material or personal sense.

In Christian Science, suffering, sin, and unhappiness are no longer admitted as a natural, inevitable part of experience, to be laboriously removed through much struggling. Evil is prevented from evidencing itself either mentally or physically as one recognizes its utter nothingness. Thus, that subtle suggestion announcing itself as, *I* am ill, unhappy, fearful; as *my* pain, *my* problem—and coming from nowhere at all—finds nothing in one's divinely tangible self with which to be identified.

To regard oneself as a human or mortal person—even a respectable and good person—is, apart from being scientifically incorrect, to become involved in a mental conflict between the worse aspects of human belief and its better aspects. This personal view draws one into the tiresome experience of being almost constantly self-divided, and thereby mentally torn in two directions: one's good versus one's evil tendencies.

According to the testimony of the material senses, three powers or minds seem to be involved in this condition: that which is believed to be God, divine Mind; the carnal mind, to which Paul refers—called in Christian Science mortal mind, or the supposititious absence or ignorance of God—and, finally, a seeming mixture of the two, styled the human

mind, where the divine Mind and mortal mind appear to be at strife.

This material sense testimony is to be denied by the Christian Scientist, just as much as sin or disease. In fact, the belief of mind in matter is original sin in its most subtle form. It suggests that God is not really All, and that the divinely real is touched by, and therefore takes cognizance of, the humanly unreal. "The temporal and unreal," Science and Health states (p. 300), "never touch the eternal and real. The mutable and imperfect never touch the immutable and perfect. The inharmonious and self-destructive never touch the harmonious and self-existent. These opposite qualities are the tares and wheat, which never really mingle, though (to mortal sight) they grow side by side until the harvest."

Whatever appears as human mind improvement, through the work of Christian Science, is a lessening of the density of mortal concepts. Thus, more of divine reality and its ever-present goodness becomes apparent. In other words, because of the allness of divine Mind, God, that which appears as an improved condition is the disappearing to some extent of the mortal or human mind. A better belief means the lessening of belief, or its yielding to the omnipresence of divine Truth.

These basic facts are of the greatest practical value to the active thinker in his impersonal mission for mankind, and as a faithful follower of the Master's example and teachings. When Mrs. Eddy speaks of Jesus as "the most scientific man that ever trod the globe" (*ibid.*, p. 313), it is because his thoughts and methods were scientific, and therefore practical, in the highest sense of the word.

In Luke's Gospel, it is related how Christ Jesus informed his students of the best attitude for fulfilling their progressive life-purpose. When the seventy returned to him proclaiming with joy that the devils were subject unto them through his name—or spiritual understanding—he assured them in his gentle and thoughtful way that he had given them "power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy," adding that nothing would by any means hurt them. There is no doubt that the Christ-knowledge, or spiritual consciousness, gives one the ability to demonstrate successfully the power of Truth over every form of error.

Then, Christ Jesus, true to his highest intent, proceeded to lift their thoughts right out of the realm where destruction of error is necessary, into the conscious harmony of being where the prevention of error is maintained; in other words, where there is no error. And he pointed the way with these words: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

With this altitude of pure thought constituting the prevention of evil beliefs, the Christian Scientist is progressively concerned. Here he has a more vital function to fulfill than the continual subjugation of evil beliefs. Again, Mrs. Eddy's words (*ibid.*, p. 198) are our guide, assuring us that "it is better to prevent disease from forming in mortal mind afterwards to appear on the body." She adds, "but to do this requires attention."

The prevention of evil calls for a spirituality of consciousness so ceaseless, fundamental, and clear as to preclude the limiting element of personal sense. This means a happier,

more harmonious, more divinely poised life for everyone engaged in this pre-eminently important work, which results in greater benefits for the individual, and consequently for the world at large.

In this day and age, we may rejoice exceedingly when we understand that man, not person, and Science, not suffering, constitutes our true identity, and therefore our divinely natural experience.

THE CHARACTER OF THE CHRIST

KATHERINE ENGLISH

IN reading the Gospels we see as in a mirror the character of the Christ reflected in the life and actions of Jesus. Mrs. Eddy states this clearly when she says (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 473): "Jesus is the name of the man who, more than all other men, has presented Christ, the true idea of God, healing the sick and the sinning and destroying the power of death. Jesus is the human man, and Christ is the divine idea."

Through the Christ is revealed the real man, created to express God, the image and likeness of the Father-Mother, the perfect idea of divine Principle. This is the real man, no matter what the material senses may declare.

The word "character" is derived from a Greek word meaning "to engrave." The Greeks engraved gems with beautiful figures or designs, which were frequently representations of their possessors. Hence the word came to mean the qualities which distinguish an individual. The character of Christ Jesus is seen in the mental and spiritual qualities which demonstrate their divine origin, and prove man's unity with God, characteristics such as those which made Peter say to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

We find, through our study of the Scriptures, that Jesus "was in all points tempted like as we are," but that he resisted every temptation, and passed every test of faithfulness with honors; he never failed. As the artist engraves his ideal on pure gold or precious stone, line by line, so by our sharp or joyous experiences and trials is the character of the Christ engraved indelibly upon our hearts and lives. We gain encouragement from the textbook, where we read (*ibid.*, pp. 66, 67), "Trials are proofs of God's care;" and, "The furnace separates the gold from the dross that the precious metal may be graven with the image of God."

Many were the beautiful Christly qualities which Jesus expressed in his life on earth. One of these was his keen insight or penetration, his spiritual discernment. His pure thought pierced the disguise or smokescreen of error and beheld the hidden truth. He saw no reality in sin or disease. When the sick were brought to him for healing, he saw their faith. Through his understanding of divine Science he beheld the perfect man of God's creating, in place of a sick mortal. The paralyzed, the blind, the leprous, the dumb, he restored to activity, to sight, to purity, to loving and intelligent speech. He was never for a moment deceived by error.

How brightly glow the qualities of compassion and forgiveness in the character of Christ Jesus! They

shine through every action recorded of him; and they should shine through the actions and words of every follower of Christian Science, thus proving beyond all question that the same Mind "which was also in Christ Jesus" is being manifested today, through the understanding of Christian Science, and is today repeating its healing and regenerative work. We are told in the Bible that Jesus was "moved with compassion." Compassion is more than human pity; it is love in action. That which heals and saves is compassionate, Christlike love, not mere personal attachment. Compassion casts out unworthy fear, forgets self, and is unwearied in ministry, undiscouraged by the stubborn resistance of the carnal mind. One cannot be moved with compassion and at the same time harbor resentment. One cannot fail to forgive when the heart overflows with compassion for the sick or sinful.

How marvelous must Jesus' teaching of forgiveness have sounded to ears accustomed only to the sternness of the law which exacted "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"! Jesus forgave the sinner, but condoned no sin. He considered sin to be whatever would attempt to separate one from God and from his fellow man. When on the cross, Jesus prayed for the ignorant soldiers who were acting in obedience to orders, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." And he taught his followers that seventy times seven was not too often to forgive. Does not this mean seventy times seven blessings bestowed on the one who forgives, as well as on the one who is forgiven? Even if the erring one continues his hostility in spite of our forgiveness, it is our work to remove more completely from our own vision the obstructing error, so that we can see divine Love shining brightly on all, thus showing us the nothingness of hatred, deceit, and violence.

The sayings of Jesus prove that wisdom is an attribute of the Christly character. He learned from God how and when to speak, and when to be silent. "He . . . suffered them [the devils] not to speak." He would not allow error to argue with him, but silenced it at once. Are we not often tempted unwisely to argue with error on its own plane of ignorance, hoping, perhaps, to convince it by some telling statement? It is right to argue for the truth, with ourselves, against belief in error, and so bring about the demonstration of Truth.

Nehemiah reflected Christly wisdom when he refused to leave his great work of building the walls of Jerusalem, the holy city, and come down to argue with error "in the plain of Ono." That is where error claims to dwell and operate, in the plain of error, not on the heights of Truth; in a negative condition of thought, denying, slandering, and trying to impede the spiritual idea and its action.

While endeavoring to reach the measure of the stature of the character of Christ, we must not hinder our growth by anxiety as to our progress. Jesus taught that we could not add one cubit to our stature by taking anxious thought.

Man is immortal. Let mature men and women remember this and rejoice that each year may see a greater purification of sense and self, resulting in a life crowned with successful demonstrations of Truth. They will never dread the oncoming years if each one is taken as a fresh opportunity for works of love. Divine compassion and faithfulness never fail.

So, in proportion as we reflect the divine faithfulness, we shall be faithful in character, in our relationships as husbands, as wives, as friends, as servants of the community and of the church.

Faithful, Christly love transforms the human with the spiritual likeness. No trace of materiality can give strength to Christly character. It is built up daily and nightly by pure thoughts, embodied in deeds of healing and service. Right thoughts ripen into deeds, deeds into habits, and habits crystallize into character. We should never forget our Leader's words (Science and Health, p. 521): "The harmony and immortality of man are intact. We should look away from the opposite supposition that man is created materially, and turn our gaze to the spiritual record of creation, to that which should be engraved on the understanding and heart 'with the point of a diamond' and the pen of an angel."

DEMONSTRATING ETERNAL LIFE

ARCHIBALD CAREY

CHRIST JESUS demonstrated eternal life. In the joy of unlimited spiritual love he stood at one with God, and overcame every claim of evil, disease, and death that presented itself to him. In his resurrection he proved that no power apart from God, Life, had dominion over him; and his ascension showed how Love finally lifted him above every limitation of human experience.

In order to demonstrate eternal life we must know what it is. It is not the material sense of existence which is measured in time, but is something entirely different. The material earth has in belief probably existed for millions of years, and possibly will continue for millions of years to come, but it is not eternal. The physical body, which physiologists tell us is being constantly renewed and is eventually destroyed, is not man. As we recognize individual man as an idea in Mind, essential to the complete manifestation of God, divine Principle, we see that man is an immortal actuality now. The existence which is eternal and immortal belongs to man, and can never be changed.

Mathematical facts, when understood, uncover and destroy mistakes, that the facts may appear. So, the more fully we understand and apply what is true, the better we dispose of anything untrue that hampers our progress. The more we study the facts about Life, God, in Christian Science, the better we can overcome their seeming opposites.

As we study Christian Science, certain great facts about God immediately stand out, namely, that He is Life; that He is Love. Mary Baker Eddy has packed a tremendous truth into the four words (Poems, p. 7), "Love alone is Life." Anything opposed to Love is, then, opposed to Life, and is of the nature of mortality. Hatred, the opposite of love, partakes of the nature of death. So do the milder forms of mortal belief classified as dislike, irritation, annoyance. They may seem less important; nevertheless they are opposed to Life. Mental distress or pain is of the same nature as dislike or hate. One says he is deeply pained or grieved by some occurrence which he dislikes. Pain, hatred, dislike, irritation, and annoyance all belong

to mortality. Consider any one of this group and you find that it is connected with fear. Mrs. Eddy has told us much about fear; and almost all that she says about it applies to attitudes of thought such as dislike, hatred, and annoyance.

Truth, Life, and Love are one, and this becomes apparent to us as we realize that true living is true loving. To live eternally is to love eternally. Then, in order to demonstrate eternal life we must express eternal love. Not a moment can be devoted to disliking, or even being annoyed. Most of us refuse to hate, but are we as alert to see that dislike is allied to it? Dislike, fear, regret, all assume the reality of evil, and such beliefs must "die daily"—be destroyed—that the true man, who lives eternally, may appear.

Where an attitude of annoyance or irritation may sometimes be associated with belief in old age, no one wishes to accept this erroneous belief. Instead of being one of the effects of old age, rather is irritability one of its causes. Replace crabbedness with loving, alert, appreciative mental activity, and belief in old age begins to disappear. Moses was young at a hundred and twenty. "His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated," because he truly loved to express God, and lived truly. Many blasé, discontented young people are letting dislike instead of love fill their thought, with discordant results.

In Christian Science, while many healings are instantaneous, some may require patience as wrong or mistaken habits of thought are being adjusted and corrected. Healing is greatly hastened as dislike, irritation, impatience, and the like are eliminated. When Christian Science treatment is first commenced, the patient usually is glad and grateful to turn away from the evidence of the physical senses to the facts of perfect, harmonious being. When he starts to improve, the suggestion may come to stop looking only to Mind for the facts about being; to look away from Truth to the testimony of the physical senses in order to ascertain the degree of improvement and what remains to be overcome. Dissatisfaction, discontent, impatience, and bad temper may present themselves, and if accepted will cause slow recovery. The cause of the disturbed condition of thought must be overcome. The practical effects of overcoming thinking which is not loving are very marked.

As we definitely refuse to dislike, to fear, or to indulge in regret, knowing that the real man is made in the image and likeness of God, we prove the effectiveness of love in handling evil. We can express the irresistible firmness of Principle in destroying all that is unlike good, just as we can destroy a mathematical mistake with a mathematical fact; and our love of good and perfection impels us to do this. But to dislike, fear, or regret a mistake in mathematics does not aid in handling and correcting it. And this is equally true of any mistake. Love of perfection, not dislike of a mistake, reflects the might of omnipotent Mind, God.

Hatred does not belong to God's man, because he reflects God, and is therefore incapable of hating. "Love has no sense of hatred" (Science and Health, p. 243). The thought of God as a mighty potentate who could hate is a misunderstanding of God. God is Love, and man in His image and likeness is the expression of Love. Mrs. Eddy says in the Manual of

The Mother Church (Art. VIII, Sect. 1), "In Science, divine Love alone governs man."

As dislike, fear, and regret are overcome by the understanding of Love and Life, it is found that other opposites of Life and Love, such as apathy, inaction, weakness, fatigue, fear of old age, begin to disappear. And we can hasten the process of renewal by recognizing that these discords are powerless to resist Love and the activity, strength, and vitality which express it. Accidents, disease, sin are not to be held in thought by dislike, fear, or regret, but are to be overcome by intelligent, alert, healthy, holy thinking.

In Christian Science, we learn to understand God's law of good, and to see the unreality and powerlessness of sin in all its forms. The grosser forms of sin are naturally rejected; and as we go forward its subtler forms are detected and overcome, so that further healing and progress follow.

What a difference it makes in our homes and churches, in our business and social relationships, when we stop thinking or expressing dislike or fear, or holding to regret! Every time we replace erroneous beliefs such as these with loving appreciation and gratitude to God for harmonious and perfect being, we are expressing eternal life. With this spiritual life and love come the joy and dominion that characterized Christ Jesus. The stone of sin, ignorance, materiality, hatred, dislike, fear, and regret is rolled away, as Love and Life overcome belief in death.

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

OBTAINING BY PRAYER

WILLIAM P. MC KENZIE

Far off may seem the unattained,
But what we hope and strive for, prayingly, is gained.

Like rainfall to revive the flower
Arrives the answer in beneficence of power.

Whenever honest prayer is made,
Men work for its fulfillment, and receive God's aid.

She who the garment's hem would touch
And made her prayer in faith, found prayer availing much.

The thief upon the cross who prayed,
Found answering hope, and faced his dying unafraid.

Men have been heroes by this power,
Because they were conformed to rightness every hour.

Pray then, in silence of the night,
That, in the active day, your choosing may be right.

And lift in prayer your thought by day;
Then you will find safeguarding guidance yours alway.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LAW

HARRY V. ROFF

GOD'S law governs the real man and the spiritual universe; and God is Love. It is the work of Christian Scientists to express the law of Love, thus helping to awaken mankind from mortal misconceptions of life to the truth of being.

There is nothing mysterious or far off about salvation through Christ, Truth. We learn in Christian Science that man, as the reflection of Mind, God, is perfect, here and now; and that our salvation consists in knowing and demonstrating our real spiritual selfhood or being.

Christian Science is the law of Truth. Jesus of Nazareth convincingly demonstrated the law of Truth in destroying the falsehoods of sin, disease, and death. The scribes and the Pharisees, misinterpreting the law and the prophets, attempted to confute his arguments, but his simple words of truth and his proofs of spiritual dominion confounded them.

Spiritually prepared, after long and thoughtful study of the Bible, Mary Baker Eddy knew that Jesus meant it when he said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." Divinely inspired, she awakened to a clear understanding of the Master's teaching. Upon this understanding of Truth, given to the world in her textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," is Christian Science founded and successfully practiced in the healing of sickness and sin.

A lawyer is defined as "one versed in the laws, or a practitioner of law." In "No and Yes" (p. 30) our Leader writes, "God's law is in three words, 'I am All;' and this perfect law is ever present to rebuke any claim of another law." In very pertinent words on how to practice this law of God, she makes this positive statement in "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany" (p. 242): "Christian Science is absolute; it is neither behind the point of perfection nor advancing towards it; it is at this point and must be practised therefrom. Unless you fully perceive that you are the child of God, hence perfect, you have no Principle to demonstrate and no rule for its demonstration."

It is therefore very plain that, standing for God's law, Christian Scientists must declare the omnipresent, changeless facts of being. It is this knowing of the truth that uncovers error as nothing, thus eradicating it from human consciousness. One's understanding that three and three is six corrects the mistaken belief that three and three is seven. A specific denial is made in this instance because of one's knowledge of the correct mathematical answer.

The case of the "man which was blind from his birth" offers illuminating evidence of how Jesus argued the case for spiritual man. The disciples, regarding the blindness as a fact and wishing to know its cause, asked Jesus, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Emphatically came the reply, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." To the Master, the real man had never been blind. The man he beheld was the perfect son or reflection of Mind, showing forth, expressing, "the works of God."

That the seeming cause of an

error is necessarily as unreal as the error itself, is revealed in Mrs. Eddy's statement (Science and Health, p. 207): "There is but one primal cause. Therefore there can be no effect from any other cause, and there can be no reality in aught which does not proceed from this great and only cause."

The Scriptures inform us that Christ Jesus spoke as "one having authority." The man who drove the money-changers from the temple, walked on the water, and raised Lazarus from the tomb had no false sense of humility. He said, "I and my Father are one;" and he further exemplified humility in his statement that "the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." His strong affirmation of his God-given understanding and dominion shows us how to overcome the error of self-depreciation.

An alert Christian Scientist would not aver, "I have only a little health." Neither should he deny or belittle his understanding of Truth, by thinking or saying, "I have only a little understanding." Thousands of Christian Scientists who are maintaining the divine, changeless fact that individual spiritual man is the son of God, are daily proving the immediate sufficiency of their understanding by the effective overcoming of sin, disease, and other illusions of the senses.

The law of God has been revealed and demonstrated as the law of eternal perfection. Christian Science practitioners have to affirm the invincible facts of being, for these facts only can fully deny and destroy sin, disease, and death—prove the impossibility of the existence of inharmony in God's creation. Adequate denial, we learn, is based on knowing the truth so lucidly and specifically that error is perceived to have no reality or substance.

The way before those who stand for God's law is straight and narrow, yet so simple that young children can follow it with impressive demonstrations. Scientific pleading for the perfection of Principle and its inseparable idea, or expression, should be joyous, fearless, confident, for the law of God maintains true evidence in the court of Spirit. The student's vision of individual spiritual man, living immutably as the perfect manifestation of Mind, refutes and disperses all claims to the contrary.

"Animal magnetism, hypnotism, *etc.*," Mrs. Eddy writes (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 364), "are disarmed by the practitioner who excludes from his own consciousness, and that of his patients, all sense of the realism of any other cause or effect save that which cometh from God."

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Kindness is contagious. The spirit of harmony trickles down by a thousand secret channels into the inmost recesses of the household life. One truly affectionate soul in a family will exert a sweetening and harmonizing influence upon all its members. . . . It is well-nigh impossible to be morose in face of a cheerful and generous helpfulness. Beginning with the highest, the ointment drops even upon those who are unconscious or careless of it, and the whole house is presently filled with its fragrance.

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THE JOY OF OVERCOMING

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OUR revered Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has given us this inspired statement in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" (p. 258): "God expresses in man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis." This eternal development of good is a joyous, painless process. In its common application to property, the word "development" denotes the bringing into active use of something which has been lying idle; bringing to a higher state of utility or beauty that which has been neglected.

To many people the thought of character development, the overcoming of evil tendencies, which seem to be inherited or due to environment, conveys a feeling of drudgery, labor, or struggle. But as the student of Christian Science learns something of what "God expresses in man," his sense of values changes and he is able to discount the trials and rejoice in progress Christward. Thought is elevated above material hopes and aims; faith properly rests in Truth. We learn to exercise those Godlike qualities which man, in His image and likeness, has always possessed; then the opposite undesirable traits disappear from lack of use.

Everyone wants this desirable thing termed true character. To find that good is ours by divine right, because good is what God expresses through man, is very satisfying. The sense of harmony is a grace which adds beauty to our lives. Spiritual grace adds peace, poise, and calm, so essential in successful contact with others. Through spiritual grace, one partakes of that divine favor or influence which gives beauty to the simplest speech and action. Because this is true from the spiritual standpoint, we may think our human progress suffers by comparison. We seem to fall short of our ideals and are confronted with disappointment and discouragement. Trials seem real and painful. False traits are distasteful, but seem unavoidable. The exercise of good qualities seems irksome, perhaps unrewarded.

One who was thus making a battle of striving to be good, to live worthily, and to whom the fear of defeat loomed large, was much helped by contemplating the definition of "overcome" as, in part, "to surmount; conquer; . . . vanquish; defeat." Prolonged, prayerful lingering over the significance of these words brought a squaring of the shoulders, lifting of the head, hope in the heart, imparting a winning sense of assurance, authority, dominion, victory—the freedom that comes from making a right choice. Our struggles lie in the overcoming of the false sense of personal selfhood, for the spiritual idea knows only thanksgiving to God for perpetual harmony. Final victory over wrong conditions is assured, for the Revelator saw that "the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night."

It might be said that overcoming is not wholly successful unless it is accompanied by some uplifting cheer or happiness. The joy lies not so much in the fact that "even the devils are subject unto us," as in the

fact that we have in a measure accepted and proved our spiritual selfhood. We have identified our true selves with "man the infinite idea forever developing itself, broadening and rising higher and higher from a boundless basis."

If anyone questions or doubts the exaltation which follows the overcoming of temptation to fear or sin, let him, in retrospect, examine a single past resolute laying aside of personal desire or selfish ambition, in favor of some wholly generous act, some unselfed service. He will recall that the greater the effort to relinquish rivalry, hate, or envy, in favor of loving-kindness, forgiveness, and sincerity, the more lasting the glow of satisfying, healing peace. On the other hand, does not some instance when one refused, ignorantly or willfully, to control jealousy, envy, anger, resentment, revenge, bring to remembrance a lingering sense of grief or regret?

The happiness of spiritual victory far exceeds the temporary sense of struggle to vanquish the subtle plea of the flesh. Of short duration are the tares of self-centered inclinations which must be separated from the wheat of right doing. Let one who has thought of himself as constitutionally dishonest, deliberately and carefully express probity and uprightness in every motive, thought, and act. He will find compensation beyond expectation, and that which is of more intrinsic worth than material prosperity. Let one who has been self-indulgent or lazy strive to be active. Let him work joyously, eagerly, at the nearest task, and he will discover both latent talent and ability, and open channels for their use. He will discover that right activity, judging righteous judgment, has utterly removed the ennui, discontent, and other companions of indolence, which before seemed so real. Who that has resolutely mastered the sins of gossip, fretfulness, arrogance, or the wrong habits of smoking and drinking, has not gained in self-possession, self-respect, and in the respect of others? Has he not also realized joy in the overcoming, because, through the power of God, he has established those worthy traits which bring pleasure and profit?

The child may be taught to face difficulties rightly and defeat them, so finding the inner serenity, strength, and grace which come from God. Our young people should be adequately equipped with the armor of love; and in order to elude pitfalls they should also be taught to detect and reject the voluble, pretentious claims of evil. Answering the supposititious question of a mother, "Can I teach my child the correct numeration of numbers and never name a cipher?" our Leader answers, "Knowing that she cannot do this in mathematics, she should know that it cannot be done in metaphysics, and so she should definitely name the error, uncover it, and teach truth scientifically" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 235). It is possible to establish integrity and respect for the basic law of Love, and such a sense of the perfection of God's man that the child is not alarmed or confused by the claims of error, or susceptible to them. Treat error as unreal, without making a mystery of it, and the child will view its suggestions with detachment, becoming serenely aware of God's perfection forever revealing itself.

The Christian Scientist, daily confronted with the engaging task of serving God, is aware of the need for constant, continuous appeal to Mind by the recurring necessity for claiming the real and rejecting the unreal. In the twelfth chapter of Romans, Paul sets forth practical exhortations for brotherly conduct, urging love, joy, hope, patience, persistence in prayer, sympathy, hospitality, industry, honesty, humility, forgiveness, kindness to enemies; and he concludes with the admonition, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

Does this seem a large order? Such qualities are real, joy-giving, and joy-inspiring, conferring health and enduring tranquillity. May we exercise them, for, as our Leader tells us (Science and Health, p. 435), "Good deeds are immortal, bringing joy instead of grief, pleasure instead of pain, and life instead of death." They are requisites of true character, that spiritual constancy which always reflects God.

PERSONALITY AND INDIVIDUALITY

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE teaches us the true design for right living. It tells us of our true nature and what we must do to manifest our true selves. When clearly understood and conscientiously applied, it enables us to develop our real harmonious individuality, thus making for happiness in our own thinking and in our relationship with others.

How often, since childhood, have many of us wished for some of the qualities which we have seemed to lack, and which, to human sense, are comprised in a pleasing personality! One may have the faculty of making friends quickly and of enjoying personal popularity. Another, with an equally fine character, finds it difficult to express love toward others, and consequently may feel isolated, having few friends or close acquaintances. This false sense can be corrected. We can emerge from the shackles and limitations of belief in material personality and can gradually but surely demonstrate our true individuality, as we daily learn how to be guided and governed solely by the one infallible law of Life.

Where do we start, and how do we proceed? In the first chapter of Genesis we read, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." In "The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany" our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, has written (p. 117): "'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God' (St. John). This great truth of God's impersonality and individuality and of man in His image and likeness, individual, but not personal, is the foundation of Christian Science."

It is plainly apparent, therefore, since the real man is the likeness of God, that the belief of material personality is only a human misconception of God's man. All intelligence emanates from the divine Mind, and all true being, or individuality, is a pure reflection of God, the one infinite Person or Spirit. Mrs. Eddy makes it clear that this must not be confused with the unreal, material sense of personality, when she states in "Science and Health with Key to the

Scriptures" (p. 337), "Material personality is not realism; it is not the reflection or likeness of Spirit, the perfect God."

Jesus attracted men to him and crowds thronged about him wherever he went because he radiated divine individuality, the Christ-spirit, through which he healed the sick and the sorrowing. "Jesus' personality in the flesh, so far as material sense could discern it, was like that of other men; but Science exchanges this human concept of Jesus for the divine ideal, his spiritual individuality that reflected the Immanuel, or 'God with us'" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 103). He brought heaven to earth—to the consciousness of men. And we can do likewise, as we earnestly strive to be more Christlike in our thinking, and as we demonstrate in practice the teachings of Christian Science.

Do we express sufficient love? Or do we at times allow ourselves to be annoyed, impatient with others, discourteous? As we learn to admit into our thought only the infinite goodness begotten of Spirit, we shall find it increasingly easier and more natural to be loving toward our fellow men and considerate of their welfare.

Do we sometimes yield to the destructive influence of mortal fear by being suspicious, timid, apprehensive, or unfriendly? Do we express a false sense of lack of confidence in ourselves and in others? As we know more of man's inseparability from Principle, and of his God-given dominion, we shall overcome this and reflect more properly an implicit faith and trust in Love's omnipotent protection. Why should we fear the thoughts and motives of our fellow men when we realize that God loves all, and that His children cannot harm or hurt one another?

Do we think too much of the false mortal self and too little of God? Are we being erroneously influenced by pride, human will, or a selfish desire to help ourselves at the expense of others? The cultivation of humility and of charity, in both thought and deed, will help us to grow in grace and more truly express man's perfect individuality.

Do we go about our Father's business, the business of being and doing good—or do we occasionally let mortal mind make us intrude into other people's human affairs? Are we unjustly critical? Do we condemn others? Do we gossip, thinking it harmless, and venture too freely to give our own advice and opinions? Certainly we shall see the fallacy of these personal errors as we perceive more fully the perfection and impersonality of the one Mind, in the likeness of which we live, move, and have our being. Can we consistently do other than joyfully praise the beauty, completeness, and rightness of God's creation, including man?

Are we expressing enough good? Divine Mind is constantly pouring out blessings upon all. Ours is a richly abundant supply of love, health, happiness, prosperity. Are we sufficiently grateful for this inexhaustible flow of everything necessary to fill our cup of joy to overflowing? Are we expressing our gratitude in greater giving, in unselfish service, and in generous thoughts and acts? To do so will be to gain and to express more of the precious individuality which is our rightful inheritance.

Consider the Master's admonition, set forth in the sixteenth verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

We love and revere Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, because her light shone brilliantly before men. We are grateful for her clear reflection of infinite individuality, and for her inspired teaching of the real design for true living.

Ours is the opportunity and privilege of asserting our true spiritual selfhood—our real individuality—by being faithful and zealous in obediently following the way that has been marked out for us in Christian Science. As we forsake the false sense of finite personality and comprehend the spiritual, impersonal perfection of Life, we make joyful progress toward the greatest of all attainments—the understanding and demonstration of infinite divine Love.

RELIGION AND ETHICS

JOHN M. DEAN

RELIGION has been defined as "conformity in faith and life to the precepts inculcated in the Bible, respecting the conduct of life and duty toward God and man; the Christian faith and practice;" and ethics as "a system of principles and rules concerning duty."

It is not unusual for individuals to disregard religion in its deeper sense, and to feel they are doing their duty through indefinite adherence to a superficial code designed to govern human behavior generally. Such people need to learn something of the vast difference between mere human codes and the God-inspired activities of a workable Christianity, that Christianity which is founded on an understanding of God's love for man and the demonstration thereof as embodied in the life of Christ Jesus.

One can be superficially ethical without being spiritually religious, but not truly religious without being genuinely ethical. The truth of this statement should be self-evident; and it indicates the relative value of the two systems in question. For instance, a human sense of responsibility and obligation may change to conform to shifting mortal conditions, but true religion is changeless. Without the spiritual concepts of God as Love, and of man as Love's reflection, mankind will remain unsaved. What the world needs is Christian ethics, for through understanding of it the sick are healed and the sinner is reformed.

The young man who boasted to Jesus of his lifelong adherence to moral precepts "went away sorrowful" when enjoined by the Master to sell his possessions (give up his belief of life and substance in matter), and to come and follow him. Paul had a clear understanding of the importance of pure religion when he said, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Men often subscribe to a moral code simply through the desire to conform to some popular sentiment, or through fear of punishment, but acts which are inspired by inferior motives must have inferior results. Intellectuality and spirituality are not synonymous. Under a so-called ethical impulse mortals may rise in anger and slay their fellow mortals. But, says one, this may be said even of Christians. The reply to this should be obvious: professed Christians may commit grievous wrongs,

but genuine Christianity never prompts one of them.

Mary Baker Eddy discovered and made available to the world the demonstrable religion taught and practiced by Christ Jesus, and has aptly named it Christian Science. She logically reasoned that God, the supreme divine intelligence, who created man and the universe, could not leave His creation at the mercy of blind chance or accident. And so she brought to light and made demonstrable God's orderly and stately system, a knowledge of which is today encircling the earth, comforting the mourner, converting the infidel, healing the sick, and reforming the sinning. This process of individual regeneration is gradually but surely turning thought universally to the boundless realm of Mind, and showing the relation of man to God, the all-wise, all-powerful, and all-loving Father-Mother. In writing of this system Mrs. Eddy has said (Science and Health, p. 464), "Neither dishonesty nor ignorance ever founded, nor can they overthrow a scientific system of ethics."

The omnipotent God, good, controls His creation wholly, not partly. Until the world learns to turn to God for guidance and help in every direction, mankind will continue to weave a tangled web of material thinking, which can never result in a perfect pattern. The instability of peace pacts between nations is due chiefly to self-defeating attempts to predicate treaties on fear, self-seeking, or convenient expediency. When love for God and man becomes the underlying motive, treaties will be framed according to divine Principle, and will not be broken. Indeed, when Love is dominant in international affairs, written treaties will not be needed, for divine Love is omnipotent. Universal regeneration must wait on individual reform, and true individual reformation will never come through fear of consequences.

In "The People's Idea of God" (p. 5) Mrs. Eddy writes, "Truth is not lost in the mists of remoteness or the barbarisms of spiritless codes." This statement gives new inspiration to the expectation of better things in the dealings of man with man and of nation with nation. The mist of material sophistries must fade away before the rising sun of spiritual understanding. The world in general has tried everything except obedience to the one true God. In a feverish and futile search for peace in matter, verily it has followed after many strange gods.

Christian Science alone holds the solution to every question, and to know God and man aright through this Science is to know all that is worth knowing. There is only one way out of mortal perplexities, and that straight and narrow way is clearly defined by Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy says (Science and Health, p. 99), "Truth has furnished the key to the kingdom, and with this key Christian Science has opened the door of the human understanding. None may pick the lock nor enter by some other door."

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The spirit of liberty is not merely, as some people imagine, a jealousy of our own particular rights, but a respect for the rights of others, and an unwillingness that any man, whether high or low, should be wronged and trampled under foot.—*Dr. Channing.*

THE PESHITTA SYRIAC VERSION

By THOMAS L. LEISHMAN

WHILE the manuscripts of the New Testament, as they have come down to us from the early centuries of our era, are uniformly written in Greek, the facts that Christ Jesus himself knew Aramaic and made a practice of using it in his teachings, are sufficient to arouse the student's interest in the latter language. Indeed there seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of the view that the Gospel writings, whether in whole or in part, were originally published in Aramaic, while some would go still further, assuming, though with much less probability, that the whole of the New Testament was composed in this dialect, being later translated into Greek. However this question may be finally settled, if, indeed, it can be settled at this late date, it is at least evident that the Christians of Syria, and of other neighboring provinces to the east and northeast, would prefer to study the New Testament in some form of Aramaic, rather than in the less familiar Greek. Evidently with a view to satisfying this need, a Syrian scholar named Tatian, composed what is called the "Diatessaron" (literally "By four"), which consists of passages from the books composed "by" the "four" Gospel writers—this material being so grouped as to provide a connected narrative of the Master's ministry. This version, dating from the second century A.D., was prepared in Syriac (or "Eastern Aramaic"), which has been described as "a sister dialect of the Aramaic of Galilee, the dialect spoken there by our Lord and the twelve" (Jennings: "Lexicon to the Syriac New Testament," p. 5), while the same writer adds that "the one differs only slightly from the other."

Somewhat later, other Syrian scholars brought out Syriac renderings of the separate gospels and of the other New Testament books; but the best known of the various versions used by the Syrian church in the early centuries is referred to as "the Peshitta." The Peshitta was for the Syrian church what the Latin Vulgate was for the church of Rome; indeed, the terms "Peshitta" and "Vulgate" are virtually synonymous, both implying that the version so described was "commonly used and accepted" in its own particular field —while "peshitta" could also be rendered "simple; easily understood."

The man who is credited with the preparation of the Peshitta is a certain Rabbula, Bishop of Edessa during the first half of the fifth century A.D. The version which he prepared or sponsored laid no claim to being a completely new translation—it was simply a revision of the earlier Syriac renderings—a revision made on the basis of the Greek manuscripts to which Rabbula and his friends had access; yet, despite this limitation, it is of very considerable importance because of its wide use among the Aramaic-speaking Christians of the East, through many centuries. One of its chief peculiarities is that it omits the book of Revelation and four of the lesser epistles—second Peter, second and third John, and Jude—though we learn from an examination of previous Syriac versions that these five books were used by members of the Syrian churches.

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WHERE DO WE STAND SPIRITUALLY?

A QUESTION which the Christian Scientist is constantly putting to himself is, Where do I stand spiritually? What prompts the question? The understanding of the spiritual nature of man, which Christian Science has given him; the knowledge of the falsity of material sense; the conviction that only by losing erroneous material beliefs, including the false sense of a mortal selfhood, can he increasingly gain the true sense of his real spiritual identity. Christian Science has taught him that man is spiritual, not material, and that his duty is to demonstrate this truth. It has given him an ideal, which he has ever before his thought; and this ideal he is striving to work out in life-practice.

There are certain tests which the student of Christian Science may apply to himself in order to ascertain where he stands spiritually. First, there is the test of service. And what is service as Christian Science regards it? The answer is to be found in the words of Christ Jesus. In Luke's Gospel (22:24, 26) it is recorded that the Master said to the disciples, among whom had arisen a strife as to "which of them should be accounted the greatest," "He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve;" and (27), "I am among you as he that serveth." His teaching held service before his followers as an essential of Christian living, and all his works testified to his own obedience to this ideal. One of his last deeds, his submission to crucifixion, was a supreme act of service to mankind, since by it he demonstrated to them the eternal nature of life, the immortality of man.

What was it that inspired the Wayshower in his desire to serve mankind? There can be no doubt as to the answer: it was his love for God and man. Jesus' love for God never wavered. He knew that God was his Father, with all that the word "Father" implied of tenderness, watchfulness, and care. He knew that God is the Father of all men in their true being, and that they all have the same relationship to God as he himself had. It was this understanding that inspired his desire to bring home to mortals the truth which supported him, and which endowed him with power to do the marvelous works of healing which characterized his ministry.

Christ Jesus was never ambiguous in his utterances; whatever he said was plainly spoken. No one can mistake the meaning of these words of his (John 13:34): "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." When, then, we ask ourselves where we are standing spiritually, should we not inquire of ourselves at the same time where we are standing with respect to our love of mankind? There can be no genuine service unless love inspires it. We must love God with our whole heart and our neighbor as ourselves; for then will our work in the service of mankind have the proper incentive. Mrs. Eddy is not backward in pointing out that obedience to the law of Love should characterize the genuine Christian Scientist. She writes (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 119), "Insubordination to the law of Love even in the least, or strict obedience thereto, tests and discriminates between the real and the unreal Scientist." A great test that—our obedience to the law of Love!

Love for God and man is certain to show itself in what we do. Here, again, we have a command of our great Master. In Matthew's Gospel (10:8) are recorded his words to the twelve disciples when he sent them forth: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils." Could there be nobler service than this which he required of them? But to accomplish it they must stand very high spiritually. What the disciples did on their mission would be proof of their understanding of his teaching, proof of how they were able to apply their understanding of Truth and Love in the destruction of error, proof of where they stood spiritually.

Just as Jesus made great demands upon his disciples' faith and understanding, so does Christian Science make great demands upon the faith and understanding of its followers. This Science is constantly insisting that its students shall live the spiritual life; that they shall not allow themselves to be degraded by indulgence in sensuous beliefs; that they shall cultivate, as the dearest of their possessions, love for God and man, and that they shall translate this love into service for humanity. "Christian Science teaches: Owe no man; be temperate; abstain from alcohol and tobacco; be honest, just, and pure; cast out evil and heal the sick; in short, Do unto others as ye would have others do to you" (The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 114). Our love for mankind will thus be exemplified in our faithfulness to the Golden Rule. Where, then, do we stand with regard to our practice of the Golden Rule?

There is the test of goodness, also. How are we progressing in goodness? Paul, writing to the Ephesians, beseeches them to walk worthily, "with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (4:2, 3). Love and goodness are inseparable. He whose love for God and man is increasing is bound to be progressing in goodness. And what a combination is love and goodness in its influence—in its health-giving, health-sustaining power! Let us not doubt it, the world is in need of this combination in greater measure today than ever

before. Christian Scientists know this. And the knowledge is sustaining them in their efforts to attain to higher spirituality.

Every student of Christian Science should be making spiritual progress. There can be no standing still—that would mean stagnation, or retrogression. And every student realizes that in his endeavor to progress he must consecrate himself to Truth and Love. This consecration, however, should be a happy experience. "Be of good cheer," says our revered Leader, "the warfare with one's self is grand; it gives one plenty of employment, and the divine Principle worketh with you,—and obedience crowns persistent effort with everlasting victory" (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 118).

The divine Principle is working with us, for God is ever mindful of His own. Love companions us with its infinitely tender presence and power. Through the understanding of divine Science we shall ultimately overcome every false material belief and find ourselves spiritually perfect, even as in our true selves we have ever been, as the image and likeness of God.

DUNCAN SINCLAIR

DISCOVERER, FOUNDER, LEADER

MRS. EDDY, writing of the Trinity on page 331 of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," refers to Christ as "the spiritual idea of sonship." Christ is therefore the universal spiritual ideal, the infinite, spiritual image—idea—of God, Spirit, Mind.

When the Christ—the true or spiritual idea of God, bringing the truth about man, universe, law, power, action, government, home, heaven—appears to human consciousness, it becomes Saviour, Redeemer, Messiah. And Mrs. Eddy defines Christ (*ibid.*, p. 583) as "the divine manifestation of God, which comes to the flesh to destroy incarnate error." This definition agrees with the Scriptural passage, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

It was this Christ, Truth, which Jesus taught and demonstrated. It was the Christ revealed by him and proved by him in healing the sick and the sinning that made him the anointed, the Way-shower and Exemplar for mankind. That the way of Christ is the true way of salvation was abundantly proved, not only by Jesus, but by his immediate disciples, and also by his early followers during several succeeding centuries.

It was of Christ, Truth, that Peter spoke when he said, referring to the healing of the impotent man at the beautiful gate of the temple, "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." This is the Christ that Paul preached and proved in his missionary journeys, and it was upon this Truth that the primitive Christian church was founded. On page 136 of Science and Health Mrs. Eddy writes: "Jesus established his church and maintained his mission on a spiritual foundation of Christ-healing. He taught his followers that his religion had a divine Principle, which would cast out error and heal both the sick and the sinning."

Later, when Christianity had been declared the official religion of the Roman Empire, because of increas-

ing material tendencies in the church, the vision of the Christ was dimmed and the spiritual healing of sickness came to a very great extent to be considered no longer a function of the church.

Thus, Christians struggled through the following centuries with the yoke of ecclesiasticism heavy upon them, and with only occasional evidences that the light of spiritual truth was able to pierce the clouds of materiality. However, the divine effulgence was again to find its way into the consciousness of humanity, and when the time was right, it was revealed to one whose early religious experience and purity of thought made her receptive to the revelation of Christ as the only healing and saving power.

In 1866, through her own healing by divine or spiritual power, Mary Baker Eddy became the revelator, in this age, of that Christ, Truth, which was demonstrated in the healing works of Jesus and of the early Christians. She named her discovery Christian Science, and after abundant proof of its healing efficacy, she gave the world the Christian Science textbook, through which all mankind may gain the spiritual understanding of Truth that enables one practically to prove its healing power in the overcoming of sin, disease, and discord of every nature.

Subsequently, as the result of divine guidance, inspired by a holy love for her fellow men, Mrs. Eddy founded the Christian Science Church and established the Christian Science movement, as a means of conveying the healing and redemptive teachings of divine Science to the whole world. Naturally and inevitably she became the Leader of this movement. Through her writings, and particularly through the Rules and By-Laws in the Church Manual, she continues her inspired Leadership. And it may be truly said that the wisdom, intelligence, ability, patience, and faith exhibited by Mrs. Eddy as Leader are second only to the wonder of her office as Discoverer and Founder.

Christian Scientists have abundant and ever-increasing reason for the gratitude and love with which they regard their Leader. It is scarcely possible for those who have benefited greatly by Christian Science and its denominational activities to measure their appreciation of her work. Nevertheless, Christian Scientists do not worship Mrs. Eddy, as is sometimes mistakenly believed. They realize, however, that without proper recognition of her place in the movement she established, and without intelligent understanding of her relationship to the Church she founded, it would be impossible for her followers to carry forward that Church and movement in the way she desired.

It is not possible for the revelator to be separated from that which is revealed. Mrs. Eddy can no more be left out of Christian Science than Jesus can be dissociated from Christ, Truth, or Paul can be separated, in one's thinking, from primitive Christianity. Christian Science is a reinstatement of primitive Christianity, and Mrs. Eddy is the one who reinstated it. To her, and to her alone, belongs the credit for this marvelous achievement. This, Christian Scientists are happy to accord her.

Writing of her discovery and of her early efforts to place it before mankind in demonstrable form, Mrs. Eddy says (Science and Health, Pref., p. ix), "To-day, though rejoicing in some progress, she still finds herself a willing disciple at the heav-

enly gate, waiting for the Mind of Christ." And on page xii she says, "In the spirit of Christ's charity,—as one who 'hopeth all things, endureth all things,' and is joyful to bear consolation to the sorrowing and healing to the sick,—she commits these pages to honest seekers for Truth."

GEORGE SHAW COOK

"STAND UPRIGHT"

IN the tenth chapter of the book of Daniel it is recorded that Daniel was lying "in a deep sleep," with his face to the ground, having mourned and abstained from certain foods "till three whole weeks were fulfilled." Then he heard a voice saying, "O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent." From distrust of himself he was awakened to trust in God. The strength of divine Love became the strength of Daniel.

In Nehemiah it is written that when "the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins," they were told to "stand up and bless the Lord . . . God for ever and ever." In every age, the "seed of Israel" are those who bear witness to Spirit through their own spirituality, and rejoice in its regenerating influence.

With spiritual authority the Apostle Paul said to a man crippled from birth, "who never had walked," "Stand upright on thy feet;" and "he leaped and walked." The error which had laid him low, the inertia and fear which had prostrated him all his lifetime, were instantly blotted out by the power of Truth. Through quickened spiritual volition and strength, this man was empowered to rise, glimpse his true selfhood, and recover normal activity. Dejection and failure are contrary to the law of God and the destiny of man. Through the spiritual understanding of a Christian apostle, the beneficent law of God operated immediately on the man's behalf.

In our day, Christian Science is showing men how to align themselves with Spirit and spiritual law; how to take their stand for the omnipotence of good, for righteousness and health; how to rise above the claims of evil and material law. Whatever one's fears or whatever one's mistakes, they cannot withstand the light of unerring Truth when one learns to reflect Truth.

Christian Science restores uprightness to those who seem to be morally and physically crippled. It heals them in mind and body. It lifts them above the crippling belief of mortal personality and shows them exactly how to take their stand for man's spiritual and harmonious individuality. As this awakening process is understandingly and perseveringly carried on, the veriest sinner and sufferer is aroused from his discordant mental and physical state and stands upright, free to carry on his duties on the basis of Mind, not matter.

"In the dark hours," Mrs. Eddy says, "wise Christian Scientists stand firmer than ever in their allegiance to God. Wisdom is wedded to their love, and their hearts are not troubled" (Miscellaneous Writings, pp. 276, 277). The need is to stand firm under all circumstances. In no case need fear and mental darkness seem baffling, nor the evidence of the

physical senses alarming. The power of divine Mind is present to waken mortals from their mesmeric belief in matter and evil and set them on their feet metaphorically and literally. And the same power of divine Mind which destroys fear and suffering in human thought, also rebukes mortal pride and its presumptions. The Psalmist wrote, "They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright."

In place of the fallen man of false theology, Christian Science reveals man as God's spiritual idea. On this basis it teaches its students how to restore health and moral uprightness. It calls for the co-operation of those seeking healing through Christian Science, and teaches them to look away from matter to Mind for their health and strength. In proportion as they do this, they learn that no loopholes of doubt or fear should be left through which suggestions of discord could find entrance and prolong sin and suffering. They learn that they must give up the false and futile practice of harboring a grudge against themselves, against other persons, or against circumstances.

With divine Love governing his thoughts and feelings, the student learns to express uprightness in his character and his daily life. The law of God acts as a corrective to the old mistakes and he moves in a new world, revealed to him through his awakened spiritual sense.

The Christian Scientist's exalted purpose is to increase his spiritual understanding, to manifest integrity, and prove himself under the government of divine Principle at all points. "A man of understanding walketh uprightly." Divine Principle is unerring in its guidance of man, and the God-governed man inevitably follows this guidance, knowing no other. It is with this true man that the Christian Scientist learns to identify himself more and more courageously and faithfully, for only in this way is he genuinely acknowledging God to be the only creator and governor of man.

Through the ministry of Christian Science, multitudes are being lifted from the depths of iniquity and from beds of sickness. They are beholding the native uprightness of man in God's likeness, and are learning to pattern their lives accordingly. The manifestation of divine Mind is eternally true and harmonious. If the Christian Scientist finds himself tempted to be unfaithful, discordant, or afraid, he can always defeat the temptation through the spiritual understanding which assures him of his own sinless, fearless individuality, forever untouched by evil and materiality. Thus, through the application of Christian Science, are the so-called miracles of olden days repeated in our day.

Underlying the divine command, "Stand upright," is the power of divine Principle which enables one to obey this command. Whoever understands and obeys the laws of God is conscious of the support of spiritual power, vision, and strength. From divine Mind he derives his health, his activity, and the power of intelligent achievement.

Christian Science teaches one to think uprightly and act uprightly, for it holds before one and all the perfection of God made manifest as man. It equips one to prove the truth of our Leader's statement (Miscellaneous Writings, p. 79), "If God is upright and eternal, man as His likeness is erect in goodness and perpetual in Life, Truth, and Love."

VIOLET KER SEYMER

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FROM THE DIRECTORS

The Constitution of the United States having been drawn up by a convention of the original states in 1787, the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of this event is to be celebrated on Friday, September 17, 1937, as Constitution Day. As now planned by the United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, September 17 will be made a national holiday by proclamations of the President of the United States and the governors of the several states. If this is done, The Mother Church will hold a special service in the morning of that day, which will include an appropriate address and a special Lesson-Sermon from the Bible and "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy prepared for the occasion. The same address and Lesson-Sermon will also be available for use by branch churches and societies in the United States.

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NOTES FROM THE PUBLISHING SOCIETY

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New Bible in Black Morocco

Announcement is made of a new Bible, No. 1457X, bound in black morocco to correspond with the pocket edition of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." This Bible is modified, self-pronouncing. Price $5.00. Indexed $5.50.

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The last pamphlet has been compiled especially for children. It contains articles written for children, and is printed with larger type, thus making it easier to be read.

Price 10 cents. Reading Room price 8 cents.

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A New Series

A series of articles entitled "1787—Making the Constitution—1937" will appear in *The Christian Science Monitor* from May 20 through September 18.

This will consist of a day-by-day report of the exciting debates which occurred during the Constitutional Convention in 1787. The articles are printed approximately on the same day that the events were discussed one hundred and fifty years previously.

The price of the complete series is $3.00.

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No. 28CH—Mrs. Eddy's Home in Chestnut Hill.
No. 26PH—Colored view of the Mapparium, Western Hemisphere.

Price 5 cents. Reading Room price 4 cents.

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"The Mother Church" by Joseph Armstrong

Announcement is made of a new edition of "The Mother Church" by Joseph Armstrong. This book, which has been sold by the Publishing Society since 1897, continues to give inspiration to everyone who reads it. No changes have been made in the text, but the book has been redesigned and printed from entirely new plates by one of America's foremost typographers. An outstanding feature of the book is the new colored illustrations of the stained glass windows. Bound in blue cloth cover with black shelf back. Price $2.00. Reading Room price $1.60.

A small stock of the present cloth edition of "The Mother Church" is still available. This will continue to be sold at $1.50 a copy as long as our stock remains.

New Pamphlet in French

Announcement is made of a new pamphlet translated into French and published with alternate pages of French and English. The title of this pamphlet is "Christian Science: Its Simple Message." Price 10 cents. Reading Room price 8 cents.

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Entertaining the Truth
God is All
God the Only Lawmaker
God's Omnipresence
No Lack or Limitation

[As published in the *Christian Science Sentinel*, June 26, 1937]

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ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOTHER CHURCH

Applications for admission to membership in The Mother Church may be sent to the Clerk at any time throughout the year. It is desirable that applications should be forwarded in ample time so that they may receive the essential preliminary attention before the date of election. The receipt of an application by the Clerk does not make the applicant a member. Applications are acted upon by the Board of Directors, twice each year, as provided by the Manual of The Mother Church, Article XIII, Section 2.

The receipt of all applications is acknowledged by the Clerk; and on the date set for consideration, notice of acceptance or rejection is sent by the Clerk to those whose applications have been received in time. Should an applicant not receive such notice, he is requested to communicate with the Clerk before forwarding a second application. A member of a branch church, on being admitted to membership in The Mother Church, should notify the clerk of his local branch church of his acceptance.

The next meeting of the Board for this purpose occurs November 5, 1937. Applications to be acted upon at that time should reach the Clerk by October 22, 1937. Applications received too late for the November admission will be placed on file for the June, 1938, admission.

Application forms may usually be obtained from Reading Rooms and from the clerks of branch organizations, or they may be secured by addressing Ezra W. Palmer, Clerk, 107 Falmouth Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Cable address: Church, Boston.

TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

The statements with regard to healing made in the following testimonies have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference in the Publishing House.—THE EDITORS.

[Original testimony in French]

IT is my desire to give testimony to God for the numerous blessings I have received, thanks to the teaching and practice of Christian Science.

This Science, which was presented to me by a practitioner, brought our home precious comfort at a time when all seemed lost. Our little boy was in the country for his health, as, according to the doctor and radiotherapy, the child should not stay by the sea, because of several attacks of pneumonia which had come close together. He was splendidly healed without my being able to say exactly when, and this error has never again presented itself. I can never wholly express the joy we felt when the practitioner told us that we might at that very time bring home our child, from whom we had been separated for many months.

Since then I have studied the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, and all her writings have been true friends to me. The light which this reading brought, made it possible for me to understand God, as I had so long wanted to do, and to find in His love solace for an old sorrow. Having lost my parents I had remained in the shadow of this sadness, always pining, despite the material efforts I made to find joy and health. Today I am in good health, and I have found spiritual joy.

I had recourse also to a very consecrated practitioner for a so-called child's disease—whooping cough—which seemed stubborn, but which was wiped out after a few days' treatment. At that time I saw that I had to study the Lesson-Sermon in the *Christian Science Quarterly,* not just read it. I had to imbibe the spiritual nourishment; in a word, to "search the Scriptures" and the textbook.

To all those who seek Truth, I would say how great is my gratitude, and my desire to progress in spiritual understanding; for without these essential elements we can find nothing beautiful or durable. Christian Science, so precious to all, brings new ideas every day, giving us the opportunity to do the healing works, as Christ Jesus said we should do.

I am deeply grateful for the Christian Science movement and to find there a Sunday school for children, where they are lovingly taught God's commands. Also for the lectures, which have contributed to physical healings.

My gratitude goes out to our Father-Mother God for having revealed to us, through Mrs. Eddy, this divine Science. I am deeply grateful to our Leader for her consecrated devotion to humanity.—(*Mrs.*) *Marie Malot, Le Havre, France.*

So innumerable are the blessings which have come to me through Christian Science that I wish to express my gratitude in the hope that my experience may be of benefit to others.

In 1917 word was sent me that my mother had lost her mind. Upon arriving home I found that each day she was having five and six spells, pronounced by the doctors a mild

form of epilepsy. They declared that because of her advanced years she would never be any better. The fact was constantly with me that God is Mind, infinitely present; therefore Mind cannot be lost. Each time the spells would show signs of coming, the declaration would instantly come to me, "There are no such things as demons; they cannot touch her; they cannot do one thing; they are nothing and nowhere." In a little over two weeks her mind was entirely restored. Within five or six weeks the spells were overcome, and they never returned during the fourteen remaining years of her life. About ten years after this healing I read in the Encyclopedia Britannica that demons are supposed to cause this trouble. We are commanded by Jesus, and it is quoted on the cover of each of Mrs. Eddy's writings, "Cast out demons." I rejoice to know that they are only false beliefs, and we can cast them out. The ability to meet the foregoing situation, with my father on the verge of a collapse also, with the result of my having overcome a bad case of resentment over what others thought I should do, when I sincerely and submissively said, "Well, God, if that is what You want me to do, all right; I cannot be where You are not, and there is only good where You are."

My first healing through Christian Science was of astigmatism, which the doctors said would cause me to wear glasses always. Periodical tonsillitis, rheumatism, pyorrhea, kidney trouble, three severe cases of poisoning, and many other physical discords have given way to harmony. While I was driving a car with a loose steering wheel, a dangerous situation arose, and I realized that the car was turning over. Then the thought, "God is all there is," came to my consciousness with absolute precision. The next thing I knew I was standing on the ground beside the badly damaged car, with not even my hat disarranged. The engine was still running, so I asked some men to set the car up, and, without a pang of fear, drove the wreck, which was beyond repair, two miles, which greatly astonished the garage owners.

More than all else, I am grateful for the satisfying and provable explanation of what and where God is, and of our place in His creation. I am grateful to all who have helped me along the way. I rejoice that infinite Truth is available for all through the marvelous love and courage of our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy.—(*Mrs.*) *Myrtle Whisler Mallett, Los Angeles, California.*

I HAVE always felt it a great privilege to give my testimony in Christian Science churches, but have neglected to do so in the periodicals.

I am grateful that through Christian Science I have found a religion of Love, as we all do when we understand that God is Love. When rightfully applied, Christian Science will meet all our needs—physical, financial, spiritual.

In the past five years, when my husband has not been able to get work continuously, I have been able to prove that God supplies all things needed. Any sense of discouragement was met immediately, and I know, as our Leader, Mrs. Eddy, says in Science and Health (p. 494), that "divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need."

Our son, when thirteen years old, was healed of blindness, after he had

been totally blind for three months. A film of white completely covered the eyes, and sight was indeed proved to be spiritual when he was able to see partially before the film was removed. It proved to be a slow healing, but he was never discouraged, and we knew we could not let in discouragement, if we expected to see manifested the perfection of man as God's image. For several years now he has used his eyes, reading a great deal, driving, and so forth. I shall never cease to be grateful for this outstanding healing, as well as for many others.

I appreciate being of service to others as a Christian Science nurse. I am grateful for class instruction, for the periodicals, and to Mary Baker Eddy for revealing this truth through her consecrated study of Christ Jesus' words and works. I am most grateful to God for all the blessings He has bestowed on all mankind.—(*Mrs.*) *Ethel M. Arnold, Wilmette, Illinois.*

In the year 1896 I was healed through Christian Science, and not one of the ailments has ever returned. I had been confined to bed for some time, and had not slept without opiates for several weeks, nor had I been able to take any food without suffering excruciating pain. Various remedies had proved ineffective to bring about bowel movements. I "had suffered many things of many physicians," and was hoping for the end rather than the continuance of life.

An old friend of the family came to spend the day, and talked much about Christian Science and of the healing of cancer which came to her through the reading of the textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. She told me I could be healed also, but at that time I was not inclined to listen. She came again in a few days, however, and talked of this healing truth, but with the same result. She came the third time, and I told her to bring the practitioner to see me, which she did the next day. This practitioner told me that God is Love, and that God had not made me sick—a statement which arrested my thought, as I had formerly been told that He had made me sick, and that I must be patient.

On the following Monday I started to read the textbook, and had my first treatment, with the result that I slept that night without opiates. The next day I took some food without ill effects; the third day I was up and dressed; the following Saturday I walked to the practitioner's home, a distance of three miles, and back again. Every organ had resumed its natural function, and even the corns on my feet had disappeared. I was well, and had learned that God is Love.

Other healings have come quickly to me. Once, when in a southern city, I was awakened in the night with a high fever and severe pain. A practitioner was called, and in a short time I was asleep, awakening later to find the fever and pain entirely gone. The next evening I went down to the hotel dining room to dinner, rejoicing in another proof of Christian Science healing.

I am grateful for every avenue which brings the activities of Christian Science to the world; for The Mother Church and the branch churches. I am grateful for the Publishing House and for the helpful statements that come to us through the printed pages of our literature.

I am grateful for our textbook, the study of which has brought to me the solution of many problems. I am grateful for all this evidence of the understanding of God, and the faithfulness of our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy.—(*Mrs.*) *Lotta B. Ball, Highland Park, Michigan.*

It is with a deep sense of humility that I wish to express my gratitude for the rich blessings Christian Science has brought to me for the past twenty-two years. This Science has proved innumerable times the irresistible power of divine Love to meet and master every false, aggressive mental suggestion of human experience.

From early childhood I was in bondage to some physical ill or other; nearly everything I ate seemed to distress me, and the doctor said that I had ulcers of the stomach. In later years I was attacked with gastritis; my suffering was extremely painful. Shortly afterward I contracted a severe case of pleurisy, which developed into pleural pneumonia. From these conditions I became the victim of tuberculosis.

I went to California in the hope of regaining my health, but at the end of five years I returned home still in bondage to this ailment. When I was doing dressmaking at a friend's home I was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs. This friend asked if I would like the help of a practitioner. I had no understanding of Christian Science, having studied the Lesson-Sermons in the *Christian Science Quarterly* for only a short time, but I accepted. Within about twenty minutes the hemorrhage ceased; this was about half past four in the afternoon. The textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, was given to me, and I read "the scientific statement of being" (p. 468) a number of times, after which this friend explained its meaning to me. We retired at eleven o'clock in the evening. However, fear seemed to be manifested, and about one o'clock there was another hemorrhage. Again the practitioner was called, and I was instantaneously healed. There has been no recurrence or trace of this ailment since that time, which was over twenty-one years ago.

Words cannot express my gratitude for the loving work and help given to me and the willing responsiveness to this night call. I was so grateful for this new-found freedom that I began at once earnestly to study the Lesson-Sermons and Mrs. Eddy's writings as fast as I could purchase them.

Since that time I have been healed of neuralgic sick headaches, which had occurred every week end for a number of years, causing a state of unconsciousness many times. The wish to drink strong coffee suddenly left me, and I have had no desire for it since—about fifteen years ago. Chronic constipation disappeared, although I had taken laxatives nearly all my life. In addition, I was healed of gallstones after the doctors agreed that I could not recover without an operation.

I experienced all these beautiful healings through the consecrated study of the Bible and Science and Health alone. I also gained an understanding of Mrs. Eddy's statement in "Miscellaneous Writings" (p. 105), "Man's real life or existence is in harmony with Life and its glorious phenomena."

One of the more recent and important proofs of "signs following"

came to me during the holiday season of 1934, when a felon appeared on my forefinger. I worked to know the nothingness of the condition, but the finger continued to swell and became seriously painful, and blood poisoning was manifested throughout the body. At this stage I was unable to walk or use my hands or arms; in fact, the whole body was practically paralyzed. My husband called a practitioner, and through her faithful, loving service I was completely healed within a short time.

Several people outside of Christian Science asked if I employed a doctor or other material aid, and when I replied that I did not, they could not understand my recovery from such a serious illness; to mortal sense it was a marvelous demonstration. For the spiritual uplifting that I gained from this beautiful experience, which was just another absolute proof of God's ever-present power to heal, I can truthfully say that I am deeply grateful.

I am very grateful for the privilege of membership in The Mother Church, and to our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, whose spiritual vision, assiduity, and Christliness have proclaimed to the universe the gospel of Truth and its interpretation by establishing a definite rule for the eternal salvation of mankind. The Mother Church is an evidence of our revered Leader's generosity and unselfishness, and I daily pray for the understanding and wisdom to follow in her footsteps even as she followed Christ.

I also wish to express gratitude for membership in the local branch church, for the various activities in which I have served continuously for many years, especially the Sunday school, which I have dearly loved and taught in for about twelve years. I desire to express my appreciation of The Christian Science Publishing Society and of the periodicals which contain nourishing food for all mankind. For every loving and encouraging word that has been given to me by all those with whom I have come in contact in my spiritual progress, for every opportunity afforded me to serve my brother man, I give this testimony in boundless joy and gratitude.—(*Mrs.*) *Alice M. Nelson, Jamestown, New York.*

[Original testimony in German]

Out of deep gratitude and a feeling of duty I give this testimony regarding the omnipotent, omnipresent healing power of God, divine Love, as it is revealed to us in Christian Science.

From the time I was twelve I had suffered from severe backache and nosebleed, so that I had to have medical aid. But I found only temporary relief. So it went on up to the time I was twenty-one years old, when I was attacked by various other illnesses and had to give up my work. I suffered from sleeplessness, headaches, and stomach and kidney disorders. The doctor stated that I had weak nerves and fallen stomach. For some time I had to stay in bed and submit to medical attention. Thus another three months went by; but no healing came, and I lost all interest in life.

One day I heard of Christian Science, and immediately I went to a practitioner, who in a very friendly and loving manner explained to me the truth about God and man. After the first treatment many troubles disappeared. However, one difficulty

seemed to be quite deep-seated and yielded rather slowly. But after about a year I was freed from all the illnesses. Through reading the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, it became clear to me that God is man's life, and therefore man is not dependent on nerves and blood.

Today I cannot give enough thanks to God, our loving Father, for having freed me so wonderfully through Christian Science, which has shown me the way from sickness to health, from error to Truth, and from death to Life.—*Jakob Frischknecht, Kreisenau, Zihlschlacht, Kt. Thurgau, Switzerland.*

I TURNED to Christian Science, in earnest, about eight years ago. For several years prior to this time, I had occasionally attended the services of the Christian Science church and had purchased a copy of Science and Health by Mrs. Eddy, together with the Bible. I had also made the statement that if I ever embraced any religion, it would be Christian Science.

I recall one evening, in walking towards home, saying aloud, "O God, what is it all about?" When I reached home a great desire to read the Bible and Science and Health came over me, and I immediately found them and endeavored to study them. Previously I had received little religious training, and I knew none of the well-known Bible stories. After trying for some time to understand what I was reading, I found myself closing Science and Health and earnestly asking God to give me wisdom and understanding, that I might know Him and be enabled to be of service to my fellow men. Immediately following this true prayer, came God's answer. The book was illumined, and it seemed as if I had always known what I was now reading.

My first healing was of a severe burn. I thoughtlessly grasped the handle of an aluminum pan, which was in a very hot oven. My first thought was to apply a familiar home remedy. My second thought was, Why not try Christian Science? I immediately declared, "Matter has neither intelligence, life, nor sensation" (Science and Health, p. 205). The liberation was immediate and the healing complete, and for days following this experience I went about the house singing a song of praise, "It works, it works!" With this first proof came also the desire to attend church.

A few months later my husband, my mother, my stepfather, another couple, and I were invited to visit a foreign ship which was visiting port. About nine-thirty, it was decided we would return to the city and bring the officers of the ship home with us. In departing from the pier, I left in the first of two cars. With me rode a dark premonition. The suggestion said, Some of us are going to be killed tonight. I tried to throw off this thought, but it came stronger and stronger until in my extremity I said, Why, I need not fear; God's "arm encircles me, and mine, and all" (Poems by Mrs. Eddy, p. 4). With this clear statement of truth the suggestion fell away, and we reached home in safety. I again became anxious, however, when after an hour's time the other car did not come. Just as we had started to return to the pier an ambulance came, and from it stepped my loved ones, unharmed, but wet and bedraggled. They had failed to make the correct

turn in leaving the pier and had driven from it, dropping twenty feet to the river below, passing through a log raft, and down to the bottom of the river. The newspaper said that the river was sixty feet deep at that spot. The sedan was closed, with the exception of the window by the driver's seat.

These loved ones said they never knew how they were released, except that they suddenly found themselves free and coming up to the surface of the water. Above them stretched a cable; and all three pulled themselves to safety on the log raft. They all said, "God alone has saved us." Indeed, God alone had saved them; and the beautiful part of this experience is that there was no aftermath to the accident, no shock or ugly remembrance of what had happened. After this remarkable experience one of my friends immediately embraced the study of Christian Science.

At the time we had living with us a friend who was a student of Christian Science. She later told us that she had worked regarding the belief of accident the entire day. I am grateful for her loving alertness and work.

During the years which have followed these experiences, Christian Science has met my every human need. I have seen it heal, quickly and permanently, quinsy, hemorrhages of bowels and lungs, gallstones, defective vision and hearing, broken bones, traits of character unlike God, leakage of the heart, insomnia, and obesity, and have seen it lift several from the evidences of death. My stepfather appeared to have passed on, but was brought back into the fullness of life through the realization that there is no place to pass to; that Life fills all space, and that that most certainly means expressing life right here and right now; that nothing is ever accomplished by dying, nor is there any real reason for death.

For the struggles in learning to submit my will to God's will, I give thanks. I have had many healings personally. I have been helped through the deep waters of lack. Latent talents have come into active expression. Worry, tension, weariness have disappeared from consciousness. Social drinking and social gambling, together with their false pleasures and false friends, have fallen away. New joys and new interests have come in their place. Christian Science never leaves the heart empty and unsatisfied.

I can never, in words, express my gratitude to those dear friends who first presented Christian Science to me; to those practitioners who so lovingly held me by the hand as I grew in the understanding of these blessed truths; to the lecturers; for the periodicals; for the Board of Directors; for church membership; for the church services and the Reading Rooms; and last, but not least, to our beloved Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, who has given to the world this simple, demonstrable, practical truth.—(*Mrs.*) *Amelia S. Nederhoed, Portland, Oregon.*

I wish to verify what my daughter has written in her testimony. I have personally seen the healings to which my daughter refers, and I am one of those who went down in the closed sedan. My first words were, "Nothing but God saved us." I witnessed the healing of my husband, who for years had suffered from quinsy. This was over seven years ago, and there has never been a trace

of it again. I afterwards witnessed his return to life after he had apparently passed on. For these positive proofs of the healing efficacy of Christian Science which it has been my privilege to witness, I give thanks also. My desire is to grow in the understanding of these teachings. I have seen my son healed on two different occasions, and my younger daughter beautifully healed of hemorrhages of the bowels. Our entire family have abundant reason for gratitude to Christian Science.—*(Mrs.) Kate Dell Marden, Portland, Oregon.*

I wish to verify what my sister has already written. I have had many demonstrations of healing through Christian Science. I witnessed the healings mentioned, as I am the sister who was healed of hemorrhages of the bowels. My sister and I started declaring the truth at about six o'clock in the evening, and by four the next morning the healing was complete. The following day I was able to go to a picnic and swimming party.

A number of years ago I was healed of leakage of the heart. The doctors had pronounced the case incurable. This was my first healing in Christian Science.

For these healings, which it has been my privilege to experience and witness, I give thanks and gratitude to Christian Science.—*(Miss) Suzanne Marden, Portland, Oregon.*

My acquaintance with Christian Science dates back to 1917, when, during the war, I traveled to England to make my home for a time with a Christian Science family. Later, I realized that I had indeed been wonderfully protected on that long voyage by the right thinking which had occupied the thoughts of those awaiting my arrival.

After I had been in England for a few months, I decided to take up some kind of war work, so I became a "land girl." It was while I was stationed on a farm that, in common with nearly all the other residents of the district, I was attacked by the so-called influenza epidemic. By then, the little understanding I had gained of Christian Science was sufficient to make me know that God is our only Life, so I applied for help to my Christian Science friends in a distant city, and I was healed.

Since my return to New Zealand, Christian Science has been more than a help—it truly has been my friend. My home is on a sheep station, to which, after one leaves the main highway, the only access is by a rough creek track. We have to travel the last five or six miles of the journey on horseback; consequently it is not often possible to attend the services at the church in Gisborne. Instead, at the hour on Sunday morning when most church services are held, I make use of a number of the Christian Science hymns, which I have on gramophone records, and afterwards read the Lesson-Sermon as found in the *Christian Science Quarterly*. For these gramophone records I am truly grateful, for they have enabled me to become familiar with the wonderfully helpful words and music of many hymns in the Christian Science Hymnal. Especially do I appreciate those hymns which are sung in The Mother Church, to the accompaniment of the marvelous organ there. To those of us in remote districts, in any part of the world, this method of learning our hymns is indeed a blessing, and the joy and pleasure

obtained from having them sung in our own home is inestimable.

For the many helpful articles, poems, and testimonies in the *Journal* and *Sentinel*, I am always grateful, but most of all I give thanks for those thoughts of love and gratitude which run all through the pages of Science and Health and bring unbounded happiness to every student of this real religion.—(*Mrs.*) *Doris Viola Hudden, Gisborne, New Zealand.*

WITH my sincere wish to express gratitude for Christian Science and what it has done and is doing for me, I give this testimony. I hope that it may in some way help someone along the road to true happiness.

One healing which I experienced soon after becoming interested in Christian Science stands out in my thought because of the help it has given me in the solving of other problems. This is the healing of the smoking habit. Before taking up the study of Christian Science, I had smoked very heavily for eight years. I had tried to break this habit many times by using will power, but each time I would go back to it.

One day when I was about to light a cigarette, the truth about this habit stood out so clearly that I was instantaneously healed of the false appetite. However, I was somewhat uneasy as to whether I would go back to it again, as had been the case when I had used will power. I mentioned this to a practitioner, who lovingly assured me that this was a Christian Science demonstration, and that when God does the work it cannot be undone. I am exceedingly grateful that these words were spoken at the time, because this was the only fear left that had to be removed before the healing was complete. With these words, all fear of the healing not being permanent melted away.

Another experience for which I am truly grateful is a demonstration of supply. I was asked to serve as usher in a branch church. The request came just after I had incurred some unexpected expenses, which seemed to leave me temporarily without means of obtaining the proper clothes for this duty. After working on the claim of lack for a short time, I felt sure that it was right for me to be in a position to take up this new church work without any delay, and that since I was thereby serving God and the Cause of Christian Science, no power could stop this demonstration. My needs were met within the month, my supply coming from sources of which I had not thought.

I have also been healed of ivy poisoning, intestinal influenza, and other forms of error. For all of these healings, and for what I am learning in Christian Science, I am very grateful. I am also grateful for membership in The Mother Church and in a branch church.—*Edward E. Ruby, Louisville, Kentucky.*

I AM so full of gratitude to God for the many blessings which Christian Science has brought me, especially in the literature established for our daily use by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, that I feel a deep desire to contribute a testimony, hoping it may encourage others to press on, in spite of seeming obstacles in the way.

From the age of sixteen, I was discontented and unhappy in my home,

as well as in my study of music. The World War was then in its third year, and I visited many hospitals, singing and playing to the wounded men, wondering all the time what the reason for it could possibly be. I longed to know real love and to be able to heal, either as a nurse or with my voice, if singing was to be my profession.

Luxury and material pleasures brought me no satisfaction, and in 1922 my father passed on, leaving my mother, a young brother, and me without any means whatsoever. After many struggles as a young singer against poverty and temptation, I was offered a position as a contract singer on the staff of the Broadcasting Corporation. This was in 1929, and with it came a good salary and much publicity. However, after three years, overwork, a false sense of responsibility, and hatred of my environment culminated in a nervous breakdown, for which the kind doctor could give me no remedy. On the brink of despair, I was led to the office of an old friend who had become a Christian Science practitioner. After a talk with her I learned the truth about my real environment, and on re-entering Broadcasting House a little later, I looked up and noticed on the wall of the foyer the words, "God is Omnipotent." This brought me much comfort and many times helped me when it seemed that minds many governed.

Soon after this, I went to a Wednesday evening testimony meeting, and was much impressed by the peace, assurance, and many sincere expressions of gratitude. I began to study the Bible with the help of "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mrs. Eddy, and to prove step by step the truth of its statements for myself. After a few months, I saw that in order to develop my career and have more time for the study of this beautiful Science, I must give up my position, so "through radical reliance on Truth" (Science and Health, p. 167) I came out into the concert world again, with increased opportunities in every direction.

I have had many healings through my study of Christian Science; the overcoming of beliefs of temperament, pride, and personality, and two physical healings, always stand out in my experience. Once, while I was suffering from apparent loss of voice, I took the train for the north of England to sing at an important concert. With the help of a practitioner I held to the truth, with the result that although still seemingly voiceless, I went on to the platform, and when the time came to sing I was able to do so with great ease. On another occasion, a poisoned finger was healed in two days, during which time I sang at a concert with joy, although before going on the platform, I was in great pain.

To know God as Love, as my source of supply and an ever-present help in trouble, is the greatest thing that has ever come into my life. I feel increasingly grateful to our beloved Leader, Mrs. Eddy, for the purity and courage which enabled her to give to a troubled world this great Science, which reveals the understanding of God that Jesus had. For membership in The Mother Church and in a branch church I am most thankful, also for The Christian Science Board of Directors, and the help of many friends and faithful practitioners.—(*Miss*) *Mary Frances Hamlin, London, England.*